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REFEREEING ERRORS BLIGHT ROUND OF SIXTEEN

By Russ Gibbs

Germany handed England a World Cup lesson they will not forget in a hurry but not before a contentious decision that will long haunt English memories deprived the Three Lions of a chance to draw the match level as the 2010 FIFA World Cup Round of Sixteen got underway. One of the most controversial moments in World Cup history consigned England to elimination from the tournament at the hands of arch-nemesis Germany in Bloemfontein.

A Frank Lampard lob after 38 minutes clearly crossed the goal line with German stopper Manuel Neuer well-beaten but Uruguayan assistant referee, Mauricio Espinosa, failed to notice that the ball had entered the goal and as play was waved on England's dreams of glory died. In truth the Germans were the better team in most facets of play and thoroughly deserved their early two goal advantage given to them by World Cup specialist Miroslav Klose, whose goal moved him level with Pele on the list of all-time Finals scorers, and Lukas Podolski as the German midfield orchestrated by the brilliant Mesut Ozil and his partner in crime the magnificent Thomas Muller found acres of space to tear England to shreds. However, there will always be a sense of what might have been had Lampard's effort, which followed a Matthew Upson header sixty seconds earlier that had halved the deficit, been allowed to stand. Psychologically it may have given Fabio Capello's men the edge, but that is all supposition. What did happen was that England pushed for an equaliser in the sec-

ond half and were mercilessly carved open at the back with Muller in devastating form striking twice to kill off English hopes and set up a quarter final tie with Argentina.

Incredibly the litany of refereeing errors continued in Argentina's 3-1 win over Mexico. The first Argentinean goal, headed in from close range by Manchester City striker Carlos Tevez after Lionel Messi had helped the ball towards goal over the prostrate Mexican 'keeper, was so far offside as to be laughable. The Mexicans certainly didn't see the funny side of it though as the goal was allowed to stand. A defensive howler by Ricardo Osario then gifted a second goal to Argentina his miss-control allowing Gonzalo Higuain to pounce for his fourth goal of the World Cup. Tevez sealed the match with a quite outstanding third goal from distance before new Manchester United recruit Javier Hernandez at least gave the Mexican support something to smile about with a quite stunning shot on the turn.

Earlier in the Round of Sixteen a brace of goals from Ajax centre-forward Luis Suarez, in vastly differing fashion, saw 'Los Celeste' defeat a plucky South Korea 2-1. Suarez made the most of a Korean lapse at the back to steer home Diego Forlan's low cross in the 8th minute and, after Lee Chung-Yong equalised with a 68th minute header, Suarez struck a wonder goal to win the tie, collecting the ball inside the area and turning before unleashing a curling drive that crashed into the net off the inside of the far post. Uruguay know face Ghana in the last eight after the African side kept alive the continents hopes of success with a nail-biting extra-time win over the USA.



They think it's all over, but the referee waves play on! Germany crush England, but not without a major talking point in World Cup history.

Asamoah Gyan struck a thunderous winning goal three minutes into extra-time to give Ghana a 2-1 success. Earlier Landon Donovan had kept his nerve to level the scores from the penalty spot after Kevin-Prince Boateng had driven Ghana into a fifth minute lead.

A solitary goal from David Villa ensured that Spain emerged from the Iberian derby with a 1-0 victory against neighbours Portugal. Villa struck for the fourth time in the World Cup, turning in a rebound off the underside of the crossbar after his initial shot had been well-blocked by Portuguese 'keeper Eduardo, to settle a tight match but doubts remained over whether the new Barcelona hit-man was onside when he

received Xavi's cute back-heel pass. Tom compound Portuguese woes Ricardo Coast was sent off late on in a match in which Cristiano Ronaldo was largely anonymous. Paraguay stand in the way of Spain and a semi-final appearance after the South Americans confirmed their passage with a 5-3 penalty shoot-out victory over Japan in probably the worst match of the tournament so far. Yuichi Komano missed the decisive spot-kick as his effort clipped the bar to settle a dour contest.

By contrast Brazil looked in imperious form as they defeated Chile 3-0 in a wonderfully exciting match At Ellis Park in Johannesburg. Brazil was made to work hard for their win by a Chilean side that was

The Matches

Uruguay 2:1 Korea
USA 1:2 Ghana
Holland 2:1 Slovakia
Brazil 3:0 Chile
Argentina 3:1 Chile
Germany 4:1 England
Paraguay 0:0 Japan
Paraguay wins 5-3 on pens.
Spain 1:0 Portugal



determined to give it their all in a thrilling battle. A quite superb header from Juan after 34 minutes finally broke the Chilean resistance and, when Luis Fabiano collected a through ball and whipped around Claudio Bravo to slot into the empty net, the match was all but won. A third goal, executed by Robinho after a barnstorming run from Ramires had torn Chile apart, conformed the victory and a quarter final place for the favourites. An intriguing battle with the Netherlands is in prospect as the Dutch saw off Slovakia far more comfortably than the 2-1 final score suggested. Goals from Arjen Robben and Wesley Sneijder had given the Netherlands a commanding 2-0 lead before a controversial Robert Vittek penalty deep into stoppage time reduced the gap but to little avail.

World Cup Wrap | Quarter Finals

EUROPE ENDS SOUTH AMERICAN DOMINANCE

By Russ Gibbs

Less than a week ago the 2010 FIFA World Cup Finals were being described as South America's World Cup but in 2 days of amazing action Europe struck back as all three of the continents teams saw off their South American opponents with Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay sent packing by Netherlands, Germany and Spain respectively.

If there is to be any more 'jogo bonito' at the World Cup Finals then it won't come from the master practitioners as five-times World Champions Brazil were dumped out of the competition at the Quarter Final stage slumping to a 2-1 defeat to the Netherlands.

If anything there was little of the beautiful game seen once Wesley Sneijder arrived unmarked in the six yard box to head home the winning goal fifteen minutes from time as Brazil bowed out with a series of petulant fouls and whinging to the Japanese match officials hardly befitting the history of the famous shirt.

There was little to suggest that this would be the case early on though as the Dutch were pushed firmly onto the back foot by a Brazilian side displaying all of the class and skill that we have come to expect from the South American giants. Passing the infamous Jabulani around like it was attached to their boots by string the favourites dominated the opening half and the only surprise was that they had nothing more than Robinho's brilliantly crafted opener to take into the dressing rooms at half time.

Robinho collected a precise through ball from Felipe Melo past a woeful attempt at an offside trap to sweep a shot first time past Dutch 'keeper Martin Stekelenburg with the confidence of a player in top form.

Amazingly though Brazil failed to capitalise on this dream opening and their world began to crash down around their ears with a dreadful equaliser in the 53rd minute. Arjen Robben fed a pass back to Sneijder whose cross into the area should have been

easily dealt with by Julio Cesar in the Brazilian goal. However the shot-stopper made a complete hash in clearing the ball instead missing it entirely as it deflected off Melo's head and into the net.

The Brazilian response was to fall apart and, when Sneijder was left free close to goal to nod home unopposed in the 68th minute, the game was up for Dunga and his team. The dismissal of Melo for stamping on Robben was an ugly stain on the game as Brazil resorted to hopeful long balls and rarely threatened an equaliser whilst the Netherlands should have had a third when a three on one break was butchered by a lazy pass from substitute Klaas-Jan Huntelaar which was intercepted. It mattered little though as the Netherlands held on for memorable victory.

The Dutch face South American opposition again the in the semi-finals after Uruguay, inaugural winners of the World Cup in 1930, dramatically defeated Africa's final representative, Ghana, 4-2 in a penalty shoot-out after the match finished 1-1 after extra-time.

Ghana had taken the lead with an outrageous goal from Sulley Muntari in first-half stoppage time with Muntari unleashing a bomb from distance blasting a shot from fully 35 metres that deceived Uruguayan 'keeper Fernando Muslera and snuck into the corner of the net. It was probably justified on the balance of play with Ghana having gone close through Asamoah Gyan earlier in the half.

Uruguay have shown real resilience in this competition though and bounced back in the second half with a superb free kick from Diego Forlan. The former Manchester United striker stunned Ghana hitting a brilliant shot that swerved all over the place to leave Richard Kingson clutching thin air to level the scores. And Uruguay could have had further goals with Luis Suarez volleying wide after a Forlan cross and then firing straight at Kingson when he should really have done better.

With the match becoming cagey in extra-time there seemed little doubt that it was headed for penalties until a dramatic de-



Tango'd! Brazil crash out of the World Cup after falling victims to the Oranje Army. Argentina and Paraguay were soon to follow.

nouement. As the clock ticked into time added on in extra-time Ghana threw one last roll of the dice and it nearly paid off. A throw in caused panic in the Uruguay penalty area with the ball eventually falling to Stephen Appiah whose goal bound shot was blocked by Suarez and looped in the air. Dominic Adiya headed he ball back towards the gaping net where Suarez punched it clear, conceding a penalty, and receiving a red card for his troubles. Incredibly, with what was to prove to be the last kick off the match, Asamoah Gyan was gifted the chance to send Ghana into the last four. Having already scored twice from the spot in the tournament Gyan fancied his chances but could only look on in horror as his well-struck kick crashed back off the bar to safety.

Fernando Muslera saved from John Mensah and Adiya in the penalty shoot-out leaving Sebastian Abreu to cheekily chip home the goal that sent Uruguay into the last four.

On Sunday, Argentina became the tournament's latest big-name casualty being thumped 4-0 by a German side that is increasingly looking like the team to beat. Germany had the ideal start when midfield

dynamo Thomas Mueller headed in from a Bastian Schweinsteiger in-swinging free-kick in the third minute and from then on, despite much huff and puff from Argentina, Germany were always in control of the match.

With Argentina chasing a goal in the second half the Germans were able to play their famed counter-attacking game that had done for England in the Round of 16 ripping Argentina to shreds almost at will. Miroslav Klose, who started the day level with the legendary Pele on World Cup goals, was able to take his overall finals tally to 14 in three editions with a brace of goals, either side of Arnie Freidrich's first international strike in over seventy matches.

Klose tapped in from close range after superb approach work from the lively Lukas Podolski to make it 2-0 midway through the second half and shortly after Freidrich stabbed into the net from a similar distance after Schweinsteiger had picked his way through an increasingly bewildered Argentinean defensive line before cutting the ball back into the path of the marauding full-back.

It was 4-0 before the end when Ger-

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many attacked again and Klose volleyed in his second to seal a memorable victory for Joachim Low and his maturing group of players who have been a shining light in the tournament and a breath of fresh air with their positive approach to each match. For Argentina, and their World Cup winning Coach Diego Maradona, it was a distressing end to their adventure in which they had been widely tipped as potential champions.

Germany now faces the prospect of a blockbuster semi-final with Spain after the Spanish beat Paraguay 1-0. David Villa scored his fifth goal of the finals with a shot that curled in off both posts after the new Barcelona forward followed up substitute Pedro's effort that came back off the up-right at the end of a mazy Andres Iniesta run.

In an incredible passage of play Paraguay should have taken the lead after 57 minutes when Oscar Cardozo saw his penalty well-saved by Iker Casillas but, barely a minute later, Spain were awarded a spot-kick of their own as Villa fell under a Paraguayan challenge. Xabi Alonso converted his first attempt but was made to re-take as Guatemalan referee Carlos Batres spotted encroachment in the area. Alonso's second attempt was well blocked by Justo Villar to keep the game scoreless. The Paraguay 'keeper however was helpless as Villa struck seven minutes from time to keep alive Spain's hopes of a World Cup / European Championship double.



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GREENER DUMPED

By Craig MacKenzie

IAN Greener's long-standing and successful involvement with Victoria's and Australia's development pathways for young players ended last week when his contract expired on 30 June and was not renewed.

For nigh on 20 years now Greener has been involved with the Victorian Institute of Sport and lately the National Training Centre programs. It has been his professional career but it also has been his passion and he is deeply hurt at being cut adrift by both Football Federation Australia and Football Federation Victoria.

"FFA has decided that I'm no longer capable of running such a program. Han Berger (FFA National Technical Director) has made this decision," said Greener.

"At a recent A-Licence (coaching) course Han watched me for about 30 minutes and I guess he decided that I wasn't good enough.

"I'm deeply disappointed with this decision. You have mixed emotions after all those years of service to developing players. It's similar to the way you react to death. You get angry, you get sad and right now I'm just trying to work through those emotions."

Greener's reference to an A-Licence coaching qualification is significant. FFA has been demanding this of national and state federation appointments and A-League coaches for some time now, in fact when Greener was doing the A-Licence course so were Branko Culina and Miron Bleiberg. FFA is believed to have recommended to Northern NSW Football that High Performance Manager Dave Smith suffer a similar fate to Greener but that federation stood firm and Smith remains in that role.

FFV could have taken a similar stance with the national federation but didn't, seemingly opting to stand by while Greener's career in this field in Australia was abruptly ended.

What is curious about all of this is that FFV already has employees involved in high performance and development areas without an A licence.

My understanding is that Technical Director Les Bee does not have such a licence and that a new position for Bee has been created (under the Talented Player Program) while his Technical Director's role will be filled by former Morwell Falcons, Green Gully, Carlton and Auckland Kingz player Sean Douglas who has been recruited from New Zealand. I believe that Douglas also does not hold an A licence.

Greener has enjoyed a lengthy professional and personal relationship with Melbourne Victory coach Ernie Merrick and although holidaying in Thailand Merrick took time out on Friday to comment on Greener's con-



Former NTC Head Coach
Ian Greener.

tribution to our sport.

"I've had a very long association with Ian and he has always been a very talented coach," said Merrick.

"He possesses an amazing knowledge of the game and his greatest attribute is undoubtedly his ability to impart that knowledge to his players.

"Ian was my assistant coach at Sunshine George Cross and also at the VIS and I was continually amazed by his ability to teach young players and mould them into professionals. He was fantastic at building relationships and had the respect of everyone around him.

"There is no doubt that Ian has played a significant role in shaping the careers of many young Victorian footballers. He is a fantastic coach and a great teacher of football."

Parents who have come to know Greener over the past two decades through their children's involvement with the institute and NTC programs have been dismayed at his treatment. Andy Wright, whose son Bailey went through the VIS program and has since signed for English club Preston North End, spoke on behalf of many parents when responding to the news of Greener's sudden departure.

"It's disgraceful," said Wright. "Ian was the main driving force behind the formation of the annual Institute Challenge and has played an enormous role in the development of some of our finest young players.

"Every parent that came into contact with him was impressed with so many aspects of the program. The players had the best of everything, the best sports science, the best fitness regimes and the best training in so many aspects of the game.

"That really hit home when Bailey went to Preston North End last year and found that the transition to professional football wasn't that big an adjustment. It wasn't that different to what he'd been used to at the VIS."



National Technical Director
Han Berger.

Even those who know Greener well have been amazed at the dignity with which he has confronted his treatment.

One confidante told me that "his quality as a person, his manner, the way he has dealt with this is testament to the man himself. That's remarkable given the fact that when he needed someone in his corner the people that should have been there were not there."

Increasingly it appears that Greener is the victim of a misconception by Berger and FFA that he is a "British-style" coach. Berger took over from fellow Dutchman Rob Baan who made a casual comment during the Institute Challenge in January 2008 that Greener took exception to.

"He said he was pleasantly surprised to see us playing out from the back. I reacted by saying that we'd been doing that for years," said Greener.

"I took it personally that there was a perception that somehow we were not playing a modern style of football. "For years now our system of play has been based on world's best practices. We have been playing through the lines with a lot of emphasis on movement and passing.

"In the two years that Rob Baan was FFA National Technical Director he never attended a single VIS training session."

"... when he needed someone in his corner the people that should have been there were not there."

When federal government funding was withdrawn from the VIS soccer program last year to concentrate funding on elite athletes with Olympic aspirations, player development moved under the umbrella of FFV's National

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Training Centre scheme and Greener headed the program.

"I understood the rationale behind that (funding) decision because I understood the focus on trying to win medals at the London Olympics," said Greener.

"There was a rumour at the time that there was going to be a major shake-up and FFA was keen to fast-track ex-Socceroos into coaching and the institute system in particular.

"I guess you could say in a sense that I saw this situation coming." FFV offered Greener the NTC head coaching job with the girls' program but he declined.

"If the national body is telling me that I'm not good enough for the boys and the state body seems to accept that then I think it's hypocritical to let me work with the girls," he said.

Greener's role will be filled on an interim basis by FFV Coaching Development Manager Harry Bingham who has been assisting Greener with the NTC side competing in the Victorian Premier League Under-21 competition. They also have overseen the running of the senior NTC side while coach Mehmet Durakovic has been on holidays.

"I've got a huge lot of respect for Harry and we're alright with that," said Greener.

Although Bingham has an A licence the prevailing view at FFA towards favouring ex-Socceroos means that he's no certainty to be appointed on a permanent basis.

A lesser friendship would not have endured recent events but Bingham and Greener remain close. Evidence of this came last Thursday night at Wesley College's Glen Waverley campus when Bingham arranged a farewell function for his pal and invited many parents who remain indebted to Greener for the work he has done with their children.

"I was quite moved by it all," said Greener. "It was difficult and a very emotional night for me driving there knowing that it was the end of such an important part of my life."

Greener has lecturing commitments at Deakin University for the next four weeks. A few schools have been in touch keen to use his expertise in developing their football programs and there have been rumblings of possible overseas jobs.

"This may sound strange to say given how upset I am with FFA and FFV but at the same time I'm very grateful to them both for giving me the opportunity to work with so many wonderful athletes," said Greener.

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VALE – ALLAN CRISP

The Football Federation SA and the FFSA Hall of Fame Honours Committee will like to express our condolences to the Crisp family after the passing of Allan Crisp on Wednesday 30 June aged 81 years.

Allan was Inducted into the Football Federation Australia (FFA) Hall of Fame Roll of Honour for Meritorious Contribution in 2002 and Inducted into the Football Federation SA (FFSA) Hall of Fame Roll of Honour as a member of Distinguished Contribution.

Allan was born in Adelaide, South Australia and contributed to the game of soccer as a player, administrator, soccer writer/journalist, radio & television

commentator also a Member of Soccer Australia’s Hall of Fame and holder of the SASF Meritorious Service Award

Member of various SASF committees, public address announcer at night soccer games for over 22 years and the first full time soccer writer with the Advertiser in 1977. Press information specialist for the 2000 Olympic Games (Football) and the first ever commentator from any Football code in Australia to cover a match live through television in 1961.

Allan was associated with soccer in South Australia for over 60 years

Funeral Service will be conducted in the Brougham Place Uniting Church, 193 Brougham Place, North Adelaide on Monday 5 July at 10:30am



Allan Crisp with Edi Krncevic at a NSL awards night in the 80s.

PFA strikes Thunder

Dandenong Thunder has been ordered to pay significant compensation to former player Anastas Kristo after the Football Federation Victoria (FFV) Contract Arbitration Tribunal found that the club had breached his contract by not paying him.

Kristo, an Italian citizen and former Maltese Premier League and Italian Serie C professional player, arrived in Australia in February and soon after signed a professional playing contract with the club for the 2010 season. Kristo saw limited game time in the first few rounds of the season and as a result the Club did not pay him the salary and other benefits due under the contract.

After 3 months of non-payment, Kristo sought legal advice from the PFA who eventually terminated his contract for just cause and filed for arbitration under the FFV Grievance Procedure. PFA Player Relations Executive James Johnson represented the player during the hearing arguing that the club had not only repudiated the contract, but also failed to meet its obligations to the player under Australian immigration law.

The club’s counsel argued that the club did not repudiate the contract as there was a separate verbal agreement whereby the player was only due payment if he played in first team matches. The arbitrator found in favour of Kristo awarding him all outstanding payments to date and the remaining value of his contract including all applicable superannuation. Under Australian immigration law, the club must also now pay Kristo’s expenses for relocating back to Italy.

Although Kristo was happy with the arbitration victory, his experience in Australia was soured by the club’s treatment of his contract.

“I was very excited to move to Australia and continue my professional football career, particularly given the development of the Australian game in recent years. It ended up being a very stressful and unhappy experience for me because my contract was never respected and my career is now in jeopardy. Australian football has so much potential, but if the game is to attract international professional players then contracts need to be respected as players need to feel a sense of security,” said Kristo.

“The compensation I will receive from the arbitration victory will of course soften the blow and I cannot thank the PFA enough for their representation and support during this experience,” Kristo added.

The club now have until Monday 30 August 2010 to pay Kristo the compensation due under the arbitration award.

If the club fails to meet this deadline, all of the club’s senior teams will be suspended from competing until the payment is made.



Kristos Anastas

President’s lunch at Eastern Lions

A great Club day was had by all present as invited speakers and dignitaries joined together in a show of support for football.

Invited guests Jack Reilly (1974 ‘keeper for Australia) and Mehemet Durakovic (1994 and ‘98 defender for Australia) and Club stalwart Jimmy Rooney (1974 midfielder for Australia) spoke of their

experiences in the years they played the game and the rapid growth that has taken place in football in the years since.

On the threshold of Australia’s participation in it’s third FIFA World Cup the guests, as interviewed by “MC Brooksie”, brought an insight into what it takes for the local player to develop their game, and the ready pathway avail-

able for tomorrow’s national team representatives.

Results in the day’s games went against the home side as they succumbed to defeats in the Reserves (1-2) and in the Firsts (1-3) in their highly contested local derby game against Knox City.



Jack Reilly, Mehemet Durakovic (Victory F.C. Youth Coach, ‘94-’98 Soccerroo), Norman Willcocks (President Eastern Lions Soccer Club), Jimmy Rooney (Technical Coach Eastern Lions S.C., ‘74 Soccerroo midfielder).

Fury signs Hughes and Edds

North Queensland Fury are delighted to announce the signings of highly regarded english defender, Mark Hughes and former Australian Youth team representative, Gareth Edds, for the 2010/11 Hyundai A-League season.

23 year-old Hughes, who was captain of English Division One outfit Walsall Football Club, turned down a new two-year contact with the Midlands side to join the Fury on an initial one-season deal.

Born in Liverpool, Mark joined Everton as a seven-year-old and progressed through the ranks, making three appearances for Everton’s first team and was a regular captain for the Toffees’ reserves. In 2007, Mark signed a two-year contract with Northampton Town and in 2009 joined Walsall FC on a free transfer.

With over 100 appearances in the English Football League to his name, this talented central defender - who is also a goalscoring threat from the dead ball or in play - will begin training with his North Queensland

team-mates on Friday (2nd July).

29 year-old Gareth Edds, returns to Australia after a 12-year career in English football where he built a reputation as a versatile midfielder who is capable of defending and scoring goals.

The former Australian Youth Team member joins the Fury on a one-year deal from English League One side Tranmere Rovers.

The Sydney-born playmaker began his career at the Australian Institute of Sport before being poached by Nottingham Forest in 1997, where he spent five seasons.

After year-long stints at Swindon Town and Bradford City, Edds enjoyed a successful four years at MK Dons, helping them avoid relegation in 2005 with a crucial goal late in the season.

Fury head coach Franz Straka described the signings as pivotal to the future of the club; “Both players bring to the squad experience from their time in English football and it is a strong message that we can bring these quality players to the Fury in the

prime of their careers.

“Gareth gives us a lot of options as he is solid in defence or midfield and has also proven he can score important goals. He has enjoyed a good career in England and comes to us at the peak of his game.”

“Mark is a quality young defender who impressed me with his leadership and maturity. His experience as captain of the Everton reserve team and development since made him a top priority for the club.”

These signings are yet another indication that although the Fury will feature some of this country’s finest young talent, it will not be short of quality nor drive, and under the instruction of Straka, they will certainly be a team to watch out for in this year’s Hyundai A-League.

Mark, Gareth and fellow newcomer, Chris Payne, are expected to make their debut for the franchise during the Fury’s pre-season friendly against the Whitsunday Miners in Mackay on Thursday 8th July (7pm kick off).

World Cup stars all set for Festival

Socceroos star Brett Emerton and New Zealand All Whites captain Ryan Nelsen today reaffirmed their commitment to the Sydney Festival of Football with both set to turn out for EPL glamour club Blackburn Rovers in the Inaugural event at the Sydney Football Stadium between July 25 - 31.

Blackburn Rovers will be joined by Hyundai A-League champions Sydney FC and European heavyweights AEK Athens FC and Glasgow Rangers in a three match round robin Festival of Football at the Sydney Football Stadium. The tournament kicks off on Sunday July 25, before a mid week double header on Wednesday July 28, with the pre season championship culminating on Saturday July 31. r

Star midfielder Brett Emerton was one of the Socceroos best in South Africa, while Ryan Nelsen was inspirational in the All Whites astonishing unbeaten world cup campaign.

“The world cup was an incredible experience, something I will remember forever, but now it’s back to business with

Blackburn Rovers. Nelsen said today.

‘I’m really looking forward to heading across to Sydney for the Festival of Football and I know the lads back in the UK are too.’

‘It’s an exciting concept and there are certain to be no easy games with Rangers and AEK Athens FC amongst the strongest clubs in Europe.’ Nelsen said.

Hometown hero Brett Emerton echoed his captain’s remarks declaring the tournament a golden opportunity for Sydney to showcase itself to the football world off the back of the world cup.

“Events like these are vital if Australia is to host the 2022 world cup” Emerton said.

“Everybody knows Sydney is a beautiful city, but there are football purists out there that would rather the game’s showpiece event go elsewhere. This an opportunity for Sydney to stand up and show the world we are a footballing country worthy of hosting the world cup”. Emerton said.

Tickets for the Sydney Festival of Football are available now through Ticketek with Adult prices starting from just \$29.



Socceroo Breet Emerton backs up playing at the World Cup by turning out for his club, Blackburn Rovers, in Sydney.



MACKENZIE AT LARGE

An Occasional Offering from Craig MacKenzie

CAN PINES SURVIVE?

FRANKSTON Pines were brought to their knees last week with news that senior coach Tom O'Halloran and assistant John Cullen had taken over the Berwick City coaching reins from Joe Carroll.

The Victorian State Two South-East rivals had slugged it out the previous Saturday in a relegation battle at Jack Thomas Reserve with Pines emerging 2-1 victors and moving five points clear of second-bottom Berwick.

Carroll, who heads off to England shortly to add to his coaching résumé by participating in the first two weeks of a UEFA A licence, resigned after the match.

"I would have missed two games and three weeks' training (by going overseas) and I was going to tell Dave Mackie (Berwick president) after we'd beaten Pines because I was convinced that we'd win that game," said Carroll.

"We'd got Knox and (Southern) Suburbs coming up next and I felt that there was a good chance we could pick up points and move up the ladder.

"That was the master plan but it didn't come to fruition. Look, I'm not leaving on bad terms because the four seasons I've had there have been a pleasure really.

"We got promoted last year and the last thing I want to see is Berwick getting relegated this year. To be honest, in the back of my mind I'd been asking myself had I gone as far as I could with this group of lads.

"I wish Tommy and the lads all the best. I really hope he can keep them up. There's a fresh voice there now and let's hope they can string a couple of wins together.

"I'll look for something else when I get back from England."

While Carroll and Mackie met for coffee at lunchtime last Thursday, O'Halloran's departure from Pines was not so smooth.

O'Halloran spoke to club president Dianne Morris-Thomas on Wednesday night in the Monterey Reserve social rooms. I understand their conversation included a comment suggesting Cullen could face the wrath of Morris-Thomas's partner, Jim Hunter, when Pines host Berwick in a round 22 clash on 11 September.

For some time now, there has been bad blood between Hunter and Cullen and this schism in the club widened

some weeks back when Thomas Morris-Thomas, brother of senior captain Matt Morris-Thomas, confronted Cullen in the dressing rooms after a home match.

Both O'Halloran and Cullen told the club that they were going to resign, however Thomas Morris-Thomas came to the club the following Thursday and apologised to Cullen which defused the situation.

While that incident got under O'Halloran's skin he has stuck by the club in more ways than one. It's not common knowledge but last year O'Halloran's finances helped keep the club afloat.

On Saturday mornings throughout last season and this he would go down to the club and clean the home and away changing rooms. He was also the club's contact for all council matters as well as liaison officer for the peninsula region. No-one else volunteered to do these jobs.

Washing the seniors and reserves playing kits was another task that O'Halloran took on.

But while this was taking place a more pressing matter was bubbling away. The club faces a near crippling debt, so much so that some stalwarts are questioning whether it can survive into next season.

My understanding is that Pines' immediate debt exceeds \$40,000 and the clubrooms have not had gas since March.

Think about that situation. No hot showers for players or match officials since March. AGL is believed to be a major creditor.

The club still is paying an agreed settlement for monies owed to former coach Dougie Hodgson and another former player also has reached settlement over monies owed.

That is part of the debt that weighs heavily upon the club every day. Imagine what expenses it would incur if it had agreed to pay its players and coaching staff, a situation it found itself in a couple of seasons back despite a dwindling revenue base.

O'Halloran's senior coaching stint at Pines has been couched in controversy and both on-field and off-field struggle.

One of the most controversial incidents in the 2009 season was the riot that erupted after Pines' home match against St Albans and the tribunal aftermath that cost Saints promotion.



Central defender Chachi Elmazi in action for Frankston Pines last season. Photo: DARRYL KENNEDY.

And Pines failed to maintain their State One status by just three minutes last season when they conceded an 89th minute goal in a 3-3 home draw with Bulleen in their round 22 clash. But there has been significant individual player success. Jackson Irvine, Gary Pinter and Chachi Elmazi all were invited to trial with Melbourne Victory's youth squad last year.

Matt Morris-Thomas recently was called into the senior National Training Centre squad for midweek games against Victorian Premier League outfits while teenage defender Irvine has twice trialled with Glasgow Celtic. But Pines also face a mighty challenge on the playing front with former Sandringham and Langwarrin defender Niall Mitten, teenage defender Tyler White and James Cullen transferring last week to Berwick and next week goalkeeper Mark Blanco and defender

Sait Guler fly out to take up scholarships with English club Torquay United.

As is often said in other sporting circles a week's a long time in football but for O'Halloran it was a whirlwind week indeed.

He wasn't given any respite before getting down to business at his new football home. He said goodbye to the Pines players last Tuesday and two nights later was introduced to the Berwick players as their new senior coach.

But before O'Halloran left Pines he recommended former Pines player Jamie McMinimee as his replacement. McMinimee had recently taken over as Pines reserves coach.

McMinimee also has played with Springvale City, Langwarrin and Dandy Thunder and featured for Pines during the pre-season before deciding to call a halt to resurrecting his play-

ing career.

But desperate times call for desperate measures and for Pines things are desperate indeed.

"I'm taking over for this week and we'll see how I go. I expect the committee to make a decision (about his appointment) next week," McMinimee told me last Friday.

"Thomas (Morris-Thomas) is doing the reserves and I think the situation is the same for him."

McMinimee has registered to play and will consider throwing himself into the fray should the situation demand it.

There are mixed feelings towards Pines down on the peninsula. One school of thought shows no sympathy for the club believing that it has brought this situation upon itself and deserves to face the consequences.

I don't adhere to that view. Yes, poor past administration and a litany of broken promises underpins its present predicament but I think it's unreasonable to take Dianne Morris-Thomas and the current committee to task over such a shambolic state of affairs.

They have stepped into the breach when others have walked away and have tried their level best to maintain the club's tenuous hold on survival.

There was some sense of revival when the local press announced Morris-Thomas as the first female president in the club's history near the end of 2008 with a predominantly female committee.

However, smashing through a perceived gender bias was not the breakthrough the club required. It needed a major injection of funds and quickly to confront mounting debt and I'm saddened by the fact that it was unable to do so.

I'm saddened because I've played against Pines and they were an opponent I always respected. Okay, let's tell it like it was. We used to boot hell out of each other but at the end of the game we enjoyed each other's company.

There are good people at that football club, people I've known for years and people I continue to respect. But I see less and less of them at home games and as time goes by and debt mounts I can't see any light at the end of the tunnel.

There's no white knight looming on the horizon but with all my heart I wish there was.

BAILEY BOUND FOR SPAIN

BAILEY Wright has been selected in Preston North End's first team squad and flies to Spain today for pre-season training.

The Langwarrin teenager recently spent some time back in Melbourne with his family after an impressive start to his professional career with the English championship outfit.

After gaining his international clear-

ance partway through last season he made a whirlwind start quickly rising through youth ranks to the reserves and sitting on the bench for the first team in the third last match of the campaign.

Outgoing FFV National Training Centre head coach Ian Greener, whose contract with the development scheme ended on 30 June, was delighted with the news.

"I've always had a lot of time for Bailey," said Greener, who remains mystified that the powers that be connected with the Australian Institute of Sport program knocked back his recommendation two years ago that the youngster be awarded an AIS scholarship.

That didn't hold back Wright though and his stocks continue to rise thanks to Preston manager Darren Ferguson who holds

the young defender in high regard.

Goal! Weekly recently carried a story covering Wright's progress and in that interview (held during his holiday back in Australia) the prospect was raised of his chances of being elevated to the senior squad for pre-season training.

"If I show the club that I can come back really fit then I'm hoping to carry on and progress the way I have been. Yes, I'm

hoping to be more involved with the first team next season," said Wright.

Well, his prayers have been answered and the youth contract defender has taken another giant step towards his cherished aim of being offered a pro contract with the Deepdale outfit.



Toffees tours down under

English Premier League's Everton returns to Australia this week, with matches in Sydney FC on Saturday, Melbourne Heart next Wednesday and Brisbane Roar the following Saturday. This will be the Toffees third trip down under and they were here previously in 1964 and 1987.

The first visit came just after the Australian Soccer Federation took charge of the game and Australia's membership of FIFA was restored. Membership had been suspended because Australian clubs were signing top class migrant players from Europe but refusing to pay transfer fees to their previous clubs. Eventually a compromise financial settlement was reached in mid-1963 and tours by overseas clubs could resume.

After topping the first division in 1962-63 Everton finished the 1963-64 English league season in third place behind Liverpool and Manchester United and it had a star-studded line-up including Alex Scott, Roy Vernon, Brian Labone and Jimmy Gabriel, all internationalists and host of other top class players. Everton arrived at the start of May 1964 and played eight games in that month in Sydney, Newcastle, Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth.

Before the tour got under way the local football press was touting that Australian teams would run Everton close, but the reality was quite different. The gulf in quality between the teams which were fielded and the visitors turned out to be considerable. Sniping comments after the first games that Everton were not as skilful as recent touring teams like F K Austria from Vienna and Ferencvaros from Hungary are hard to assess from today's perspective. There is no doubt that the Toffees were effective and the tour was a huge financial success with an overall profit estimated at \$72,000.

A crowd of 51,566 turned out for the first match against New South Wales which Everton won by four goals to one. The match against an Australian team in Melbourne drew 32,453 to Olympic Park, while 20,000 saw Victoria run the visitors to its closest result only going down by three goals to one. In the two matches against Australia, Everton thrashed the local select by eight goals to two in the Melbourne game, with Vernon and Gabriel scoring hat tricks and Derek Temple two goals. Herbert Ninaus, former Austrian international, scored both goals for the Australians. In Sydney, it was five-one to Everton. Ninaus was the Australian scorer once again equalising a goal by Jimmy Gabriel, and Australia held the Toffees to one-all at the interval. After the break Everton ran away with the game as John Morrissey scored twice, and Alex Scott and Colin Harvey got the other goals. Jim Kelly was coach of the Australian team.

Just prior to the tour there was a controversy when Everton player Tony Kay was exposed in a bribery scandal along with David 'Bronco' Layne and Peter Swan. The incidents occurred while they were playing with Sheffield Wednesday in 1962, but it seems to have had no impact on Everton's first visit down under.

The Toffees came back again in



Jeff Oliver punches clear for Australia under challenge from Dave Watson of Everton in June 1987 at Olympic Park, while the others in the frame are left to right: Frank Farina, Robbie Dunn, Trevor Steven, Graham Jennings, and Charlie Yankos. Photo: Les Shorrock. Deakin University Library.



Jimmy Gabriel of Everton challenges for a high ball in the test match against Australia at the Sydney Showgrounds in May 1964. The Australian keeper is Audato Iglesias and Les Scheinflug is caught in the sandwich. Everton's number 9 is probably Roy Vernon.

June 1987 and played a one-off match against Australia at Olympic Park. By now the gap between the Socceroos and even the best club sides had narrowed significantly. The irrepressible Frank Arok said before the game, 'It

will be difficult—they have better players,' But after a defensive first half in which there was no score, Australia gained a creditable draw by going forward more in the second half. Oscar Crino replaced the injured Peter

Raskopoulos and his passing and close control lifted the home team. Robbie Dunn headed the opening goal for Australia, but Trevor Steven made a good break for Everton and his cross was finished by Adrian Heath. Australia

Everton tour 1964

Everton squad: Gordon West, Jimmy Gabriel, Dennis Stevens, Mick Meagan, Brian Labone, Derek Temple, Roy Vernon, Brian Harris, Alex Scott, Johnny Morrissey, Andy Rankin, George Heslop, Colin Harvey, Jimmy Hill, Jerry Humphreys, Johnny Hurst.

Date	Opponents	Venue	Scores	Crowd
2 May 1964	NSW Sydney		4-1	51,566
6 May 1964	Qld Brisbane		5-0	18,500
10 May 1964	Australia Melb		8-2	32,500
13 May 1964	Sth Aust Adelaide		3-0	20,000
16 May 1964	Australia Sydney		5-1	40,000
20 May 1964	West Aust Perth		14-1	16,000
24 May 1964	Victoria Melb		3-1	20,000
27 May 1964	Nthn NSW N'castle		8-1	10,000

Everton visit 1987

Australia (Robbie Dunn) 1
Everton (Adrian Heath) 1
Olympic Park, Melbourne
3 June 1987

Australia: Jeff Oliver, Wally Savor, Graham Jennings, Charlie Yankos, Robbie Dunn, Gary McDowell (Carlo Villiani 70), Frank Farina, Graham Arnold, Peter Raskopoulos (Oscar Crino 46'), Chris Kalantzis (Andrew Zinni 86), Alan Davidson

Everton: Bobby Mimms, Pat van den Hauwe, David Ratcliffe, Dave Watson, Peter Reid, Trevor Steven, Adrian Heath, Paul Bracewell, Gary Snodin, Derek Pointon, Alan Harper.

Penalty kicks: Oscar Crino (1-0); Trevor Steven (1-1); Charlie Yankos (2-1); Adrian Heath (2-1: missed); Alan Davidson (3-1); Alan Harper (3-1: missed); Carlo Villiani (4-1)

Attendance : 18,000



Everton's flying winger Alex Scott tries to get round Victoria's Frank Micic in their game at Olympic Park on 24 May 1964. Photo: Laurie Schwab collection, Deakin University Library.

lia won the penalty shoot-out by four goals to one. A week later Australia was off to the President's Cup in Korea, where it reached the final going down to the host team in another penalty shoot-out.

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BOO'S WORLD

With Mark Boric



Four more for the Germans as Maradona learns that defending is more than picking a few centre halves to string across the back. It wasn't Messi for the Argies, it was just messy. Brazil fold as soon as things don't go their way as Holland march on. Spain squeeze by Paraguay and Ghana get eliminated by Uruguay in the cruellest way possible.

In the Netherlands and Spain, two teams who have never won the Cup before remain alive. It would be nice to see the World Cup go to a new home, but if a former winner must prevail let it be Germany who have been great to watch, rather than the cheats of Uruguay. I drew Uruguay in the Richmond SC World Cup Sweep and even the prospect of a financial windfall is not enough for me to warm to them.

Great to see some VPL representation on SBS during the World Cup, with Richie Cardozo appearing in a Judge Dukes sketch on Santo, Sam and Ed's Cup Fever. I thought the good judge was a bit harsh in overruling his

objection, myself.

Bit of a beat up in the mainstream media this week regarding the methods needed to win a World Cup bid. Everyone knows that to get these major events you need to grease a few palms. Giving visiting delegates wives some pearl necklaces is no big deal, we should have offered them facials (and other beauty treatments during their stay) as well.

Yaya Toure has joined his big brother Kolo at Manchester City. Will he move in and share a house with him, or will he use some of the 55.6 million POUNDS he will be getting paid over five years to buy his own place?

What will be the most reviled memory of this World Cup? It's a 50/50 decision between the vuvuzela and the jabulani. Poor refereeing comes a distant third. The jabulani ball has an FFV license, are any local clubs using them? The vuvuzelas are not FFV licensed and anyone caught using one should be suitably fined and punished.

Australia, like Adelaide United, is

still without a coach. Come on FFA, give Phil Stubbins at least one of the gigs.



Up, up, and away! The jabulani rises to the occasion at the World Cup in South Africa, but not in the way many were expecting

Victorian Transfers

The FFV transfer window is now closed and a number of player transfers were completed prior to the deadline. Most notable moves include striker Mark Tsiolas switching from Heidelberg United to Brunswick City, and Stuart McCluskey moving from Richmond Eagles to Whittlesea Zebras. Below is the full list:

VPL

John Theofilopoulos

(Northcote City FC to Clifton Hill)

Hamza Azer

(Hume City to Tullamarine Jets)

Stiven Mrkela

(South Melbourne to FC Clifton Hill)

Tomislav Uskok

(Richmond Eagles to St Albans Saints)

Peter Mangiapane

(Dandenong Thunder to Fawkner Blues)

Salih Doren

(Hume City to Fawkner Blues)

Mifit Bojku

(Altona Magic to Fawkner Blues)

Adilson Andrade Del Melo

(Heidelberg United to FC Bulleen Lions)

Matthew Vrbec

(Melbourne Knights to Preston Lions)

Velibor Mitrovic

(Bentleigh Greens to Springvale WE)

Sasa Vranesevic

(South Melbourne to Springvale WE)

Vedran Tanasic

(Richmond Eagles to Springvale WE)

Arthur Papadopoulos

(Bentleigh Greens to FC Bulleen Lions)

Michael Grgic

(Melbourne Knights to St Albans Saints)

Ersin Kaya

(Hume City to Western Suburbs)

Alex Schroen

(Bentleigh Greens to Southern Suburbs)

Andrew Kilopoulos

(Bentleigh Greens to Kingston City)

Mark Tsiolas

(Heidelberg United to Brunswick City)

Vic State League Division One

(previous club in brackets)

Fawkner Blues FC

George Abatzidis (St Albans Saints), Peter Mangiapane (Dandenong Thunder), Mirko Djermanovic (Lalor), Christopher Kyriacou (Lalor), Salih Doren (Hume City), Anthony Orlando, Mifit Bojku (Altona Magic), Mustafa Uzunay (Hume United), Dino Mavromoustakakis (Maribyrnong Greens SC).

FC Bulleen Lions

Adilson De Melo (Heidelberg Unit-

ed), Alex Tomaselli (Promoted from Juniors), Michael Skoullou (Promoted from Juniors), Zachary DeBortoli (Promoted from Juniors), Bardhi Hysolli (Promoted from Juniors), Arthur Papadopoulos (Bentleigh Greens).

FC Clifton Hill

John Theofilopoulos (Northcote City), Stiven Mrkela (South Melbourne), Anthony Tornatora (Fawkner Blues), Marama Thompson (Hawkes Bay United), Kostas Karazisis (Kingston City), Daniel Malina (Malvern City),

Langwarrin SC

Simon O'Donnell (Langwarrin -2009), Vincent Bontemps (Malvern City).

Malvern City FC

Jordan Diamataris (Port Melbourne Sharks - 2009), Brian Jacobsen (Brisbane City SC - QLD).

North Geelong Warriors

James Kociski (Geelong - 2009), Kristian Edwards (Surfside Waves), Lyndon Malesic (Geelong Rangers), Antun Vulic (Malvern City).

Pascoe Vale SC

Nana Addo (Brunswick City), Mitchell Brown (Irymple Knights - 2009), Bale Micovski (Preston Lions), Matthew Serratore (Avondale Heights SC - 2009)

Preston Lions FC

Lupce Koceski (Preston Lions FC - 2009), Teo Kohonen (Melbourne University), Tony Neceski (Altona Lions), Matthew Vrbec (Melbourne Knights), Giordano Caputo (St Kevins Old Boys SC - 2009), Zeljko Popovic (Preston Lions FC - 2009), Zarko Tomovski (Lalor United), Edin Ahmetovic (Hume United), Adis Sehic (Maribyrnong Greens).

Springvale White Eagles

Sinisa Skoric (South Springvale SC - 2009), Velibor Mitrovic (Bentleigh Greens), Vedran Tanasic (Richmond Eagles), Sasa Vranesevic (South Melbourne).

St. Albans Saints SC

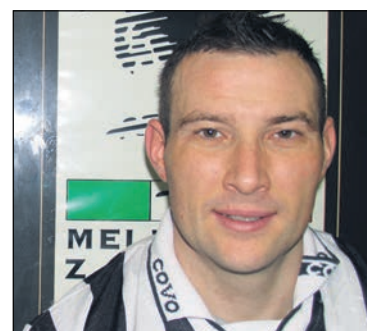
Tomislav Uskok (Richmond Eagles), Martin Hana (Preston Lions), Alier Alier (Westvale FC - 2009), Michael Grgic (Melbourne Knights).

Western Suburbs

Ersin Kaya (Hume City), Alfonso Cardinale (Werribee City), Dilhan Sengul (Brunswick City).

Whittlesea Zebras FC

Michael Sabato (South Melbourne), Adriano Cuzzupe (Werribee City), Jad Hamzi (Whittlesea Zebras FC - 2009), Stuart McCluskey (Richmond Eagles - 2009).



The Whittlesea Zebras have added several players to their playing roster including the experienced defender Stuart McCluskey, to maintain the club's push to return to the Victorian Premier League.



Mark Tsiolas moves to Brunswick City

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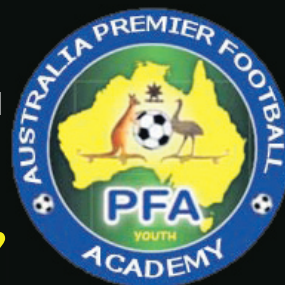
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KAT'S CORNER

ARGIES COPPED A BLITZKREIG
ARGENTINA and Brazil, goodbye. Germany and Holland, too good! Spain just keeps rolling along and Uruguay is still there.

While watching the quarter-finals I couldn't believe my eyes as Brazil and Argentina were knocked out – the hot favourites! I backed Argentina, but that display against Germany was terrible. While their marking was non-existent full credit must go to the Germans for their free-flowing play. For the third time this tournament the Germans have put four goals past the opposition and once again the score could easily have been higher.

The Argentinians were not interested defensively and I do not know why. As for Brazil, once they conceded the first goal they surprisingly just crumbled, lost control and littered their game with bad tackles. Unbelievable!

Holland, with Arjen Robben in the team, is a real chance and picking the winner from here is a hard task. It seems to me that Spain is yet to hit their straps while the Germans are a machine but will they run out of gas? And Holland seems to get the job done regardless of who stands before them. All are very disciplined defensively, so it remains to be seen how it will all unfold.

Griffiths bags Verbeek

JOEL Griffiths has not held back with his comments on departing Socceroos coach, Pim Verbeek.

"I can't believe he played with no recognised striker against Germany leaving Josh Kennedy and Harry Kewell on the bench," said Griffiths.

"He was always cautious playing with two

defensive midfielders no matter who the opponent was.

"Saying that training in the Bundesliga is better than playing in the A-League is an insult to the game in Australia and frankly we don't need anybody who makes comments like that involved in Australian football. That's bullshit."

Very interesting comments, indeed.

I have said before that Joel Griffiths should have been selected in Verbeek's 23-man squad, so how does he pick Richard Garcia and leave out Joel?

I did not hear much from Pim's assistant coach, Graham Arnold, either. Surely the decision to be defensive and choose the line-up against Germany was a decision agreed on by all the coaching staff?

In my opinion, Arnie has had a big say in the whole Aussie set up over the last few years and he has influenced a lot of decisions, but on this occasion he has flown under the radar. Maybe we can now see some skilful players come through.

Call me crazy, but I would appoint Vitezslav Lavicka, the Sydney FC coach, as the next Socceroos coach. Why? Because he actually knows all the Aussie players playing in the A-League, he plays a European style of football and he likes players with skill and technique and creativity.

He would also save the FFA tons of money. Look at Ricky Herbert. With all due respects he isn't exactly a big-name coach, but he more than held his own against someone of the calibre and reputation of Marcello Lippi – a World Cup-winning coach for Italy. Now that's food for thought!

Thumbs up for SBS coverage

The SBS coverage of the World Cup has been amazing yet again. Congratulations to all involved.

The commentary, the interviews, the updates, the quality of the broadcasting and the continued replays throughout has captured the attention of the Aussie public big-time.

Who cares about Rugby League and State-of-Origin and the AFL! I like Ned Zelic's excitement. The rest of you blokes in the Sydney studio, spice it up a bit. You're far too serious!

On Craig Foster's comments about our style, the so-called "Australian style", I agree to a point, but our style should be about our fighting spirit, our never-say-die attitude, combined with skill, technique, creativity and football intelligence.

Just take a look at the Germans. They are similar to us Aussies in athletic qualities and discipline, but they have that touch of Mediterranean flair in Ozil and Khedira and now the Germans are excited about their football future. Take note, as I have been dwelling on this issue prior to the World Cup and that is why we need players such as the Nick Carles of this world. Do you get my point now?

Look at Argentina with Messi and Tevez, Holland with Robben and Schneider, Brazil with Kaka and Robinho, Spain with Villa and Xavi. Ask yourself who the Aussies had.

New breed coming through

CARL Valeri was the shining light for our future Socceroos and I really liked what I saw.

He was composed, elegant, quick, good under pressure and can carry the ball forward with confidence. No wonder he is destined for Serie A. And Melbourne Hearts' recent signing, Michael Beauchamp, was another tall, quick and disciplined defender.

Brett Holman received praise from Ver-

Australian international with 25 caps, Australian Player of the Year, winner of 4 NSL championships, 3 NSL Cups, 557 first grade games, 97 goals from 1976-1996. Played for St George, Sydney Olympic, Apia, Marconi, Melita Eagles and Larissa (Greece). Rated as one of the most technically gifted players ever produced in Australia. Now involved with player development and player management. www.technikfootball.com



Questions remain why Nick Carle wasn't picked for South Africa

beek who also claimed that he was the only one supporting him all along.

So I ask myself why so much interest in Holman, Pim? Why so many chances?

Okay, he had to do something sooner or later, so he scored a cracker against Serbia, but does that convince me? Well, to be honest, no, it doesn't. And I wonder why not too many other players in similar circumstances would be given so many chances.

What was the interest, I ask? Is it his management company? Is that the same management company that Guus Hiddink's brother is involved with?

That's a reasonable question. Clearly Nick Carle was not from the same management stable and I wonder how much those situations play a part behind the scenes in terms of which players are picked and which players are not.

It's an interesting topic, isn't it? Luke Wilshire is yet to convince me that he is the answer as a right-flank player who just hap-

pened to come into the Socceroos line-up four years ago under Hiddink.

At the time I wondered who Wilshire was. No-one questioned Hiddink's decision then but I'm asking questions now.

I could be wrong but I believe that Wilshire is in the same management stable as Holman and now Wilshire is our dead-ball specialist taking corners and free kicks for the Socceroos.

Now that's food for some serious thought.

If Wilshire had scored against Ghana from five metres out after being one-on-one with the opposition keeper we would have made the last 16!

Wake up the lot of you! Football incentives are rife in football and player managers can play a pivotal part in a player's future.

See you next week dudes!

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THE KATSA

With George Katsamboukas



What a week it has been for Football with...

Pearl Necklaces taking centre stage, a hungry World Cup Coach picking a winner on the bench, and an article written in one of Melbourne's Daily's taking Soccer back into the Dark Ages. Into details we go.

It has been revealed this week that the Federal Government has allocated a total of \$11.37 Million as payments to two Gentlemen lobbying to get Australia over the line, in their quest to hold the World Cup.

As part of this "Sweetener", Pearl Necklaces suddenly appeared at the door step of the lucky lady's attached to the 24 man World Cup bid group, as well as 2 Gentlemen receiving sweeteners running into the millions of dollars, should Australia get the nod.

Speaking of Pearl Necklaces, Katsa has been scarred by these suddenly ap-

pearing from some very strange places, at the various Gentlemen's Nights that he has attended at local Soccer Clubs over the years.

As enquiry is now underway to find out the full extent of where and how this bid money was used, needless to say, a number of FIFA Officials have been overheard to say, Great Country Australia!

Over to the World Cup we go, where Coaching can sometimes be hungry work.

Just ask Germany's Coach Joachim Löw, who felt a touch peckish and after picking his nose, decided the actually eat what came out of it! Sad but true, but the question I have is why would he and his assistant be wearing a Blue Fluro T-Shirt under their suit, that is more suited to the set of Star Trek?

Nose pick or no nose pick though, the

Germans have absolutely hammered both England and Argentina in their recent match's, and have sent them bundling home.

Strains of "Don't Cry for me Argentina", a great classic from the 70's can be heard all around the World, as the Argentinians are still wondering how on Erath they were absolutely outclassed by the Germans.

Talk Back radio host Neil Mitchell sunk the boots into our great Game, in the Herald Sun this week, in a 2 page article that after being read, has what one may call a laxative effect on the one's body.

He questioned Soccer Players, loyalty, match standards and then went on to bag the Men in Black, however his following quote is one that is best sent to either the Clayton Regional Land Fill, or the Werribee sewer and it goes something like this.

"The World Cup is evidence that Soccer cares little for the values that underpin (Australian) culture, and shows why it will never become the dominant ball game in the Country"

Read it and weep, Neil, let me give you a tip, you are best sticking to interviewing newly elected Female Prime Ministers, or taking talk back calls from bored and lonely housewives, how on earth you came to above conclusion absolutely amazes me.

Last but not least, we had the interview with Everton's Phil Neville who upon his arrival to our fine Land told all and sundry that he watched last year's A-League Grand Final between South Melbourne and Sydney.

You see Neville must be still in a time warp, as he has confused Ernie's Team with the South Melbourne Team that played in the 2000 World Club Championship, when Neville was playing



Phil Neville arrives in Australia with the missus.

against them, for Manchester United. Until next week



THE DREADED ENGLAND AUTOPSY

By Leroy Robinson

Let's be totally clear. England failed at the 2010 World Cup. For all the grand talk of how great they looked in the qualifiers there are two things that stand out: 1) The teams England played (Ukraine, Croatia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Andorra) were poor: 2) Coaches are judged not on how well they negotiate qualifying, but how their teams perform at major tournaments. Take Uruguay as a case in point. The last team to qualify for the tournament - via a playoff - are now in the semis. No-one can tell me this England team is less talented than Uruguay. Uruguay!!

Yes England were bad and, unsurprisingly, there has been the usual clamour for Fabio Capello to be fired. However, there were strong voices from within the English FA calling for him to remain as coach, which is exactly what has happened. I happen to think they've made the right decision. Of course that viewpoint could change depending on how he approaches the upcoming European Championship 2012 qualifying games against Bulgaria (3rd September) and Switzerland (7th September). But that's why I'm here, to give The Italian Stallion some advice on how to weather the storm.

The autopsy on the England carcass began with the usual excuses: too many games, too many foreigners in the EPL, the need for a winter break and the need to remove a foreign coach who "doesn't understand the English game". That last one is priceless. As if the English game is a cult or religion yet to be demystified by outside forces! The winter break hypothesis rears its ugly head every couple of years. The theory is because most European countries have one we should follow suit, because it will make our players fresher. That is of course unsubstantiated tommymrot. I've never played professional football but I fail to see how a 2 week break in January can have a lasting effect until June. Maybe it would give players a break to recover from minor knocks but I'm not sold on the idea. Anyhow most English clubs would use the break to play friendly games against a President's Select XI - or some other meaningless game - in Asia. You see England's problem wasn't tiredness. It was lack of pace allied with a routine inability to keep the ball.

I also have another theory about tiredness. Could it be that Capello trained them too hard, or that the style of football he plays - kick and rush - isn't conducive to an international tournament?

I've not heard any of those arguments but one thing I have heard is that the players aren't good enough. Rubbish. They are good enough. They just didn't play to their usual standard, and this is the fundamental issue that needs to be addressed going forward.



After being drawn in "the best group since the Beatles", England failed to fulfill the expectations as one of the pre-tournament favourites.

So what else did Capello do wrong?

Capello is a dinosaur in the football world. An inflexible coach, part of a dying breed clinging to 4-4-2 in the same fashion some English people cling to World War 2 or 1966, because it's all they have, all they know about success. The World Cup epitomised this. Fabio picked the same formation for each game and tweaked the personnel a little. Did this contribute to England's downfall? It was part of a number of factors including squad selection, playing players out of position, and treating the England players as though the camp was some sort of kindergarten, without the toys. None of this can take away from the fact that, though our players are good, perhaps the hype got to them somewhat. Actually, when you think about it, it's staggering that we even considered ourselves among the World Cup favourites. For a country that has such a poor record over the past 40 years you have to admire our optimism and false expectations, and our staggering disquiet when things go perennially wrong.

On a lighter note, there have been suggestions from German midfielder Thomas Muller that the England squad has too many 'Alpha Males' and not enough players willing to fall in line for the team. There could be something in that, but I doubt it. True leaders know when to fall in line with the regime and pull together for a common cause. Of course, if England had won their group, the cracks might have been papered over all the way to the semis. Then again who is to say that a spirited Ghana team would have been any easier to beat than Germany?

What the Germany game highlighted was Capello's lack of a plan B - unless

plan B is "see plan A". One can only hope the fact he was found wanting this time around is a huge dent to his ego and teaches him that he isn't always right. The biggest problem with Capello is the inescapable conclusion that he doesn't pick the best players to fit his system. 4-4-2 isn't the system Gerrard plays in at Liverpool or Lampard at Chelsea. Whereas against Andorra he could have picked 10 goalkeepers as outfield players, in tournaments the best teams take advantage of your square pegs in round holes. There's an antidote, if Tyrannosaurus Fabio is prepared to listen. So, just for Fabio and other Goal! Weekly readers, I have a list of four things Fabio Capello must do to reverse England's position as the gentle giant of world football.

1 - Preach Patience

Someone made the shocking comment on a forum that Germany were boring. Why? Because all they do is pass the ball around their back four. What the insightful chap wanted was an England team that got the ball forward quickly. Therein lies the English problem. It is foolhardy to believe that a team passes the ball merely for the sake of competing with a teammate to see who can have the most touches. The best teams are constantly looking for openings, probing. England did little of this and decided to lump it forward into channels, giving the ball straight back, or trying to pin teams in their own half. This works splendidly with the local pub sides, AKA Andorra, but not at World Cups. The occasional lump forward is of course part of variety (as Germany showed) but when it becomes the main play you're in trouble. Capello must instil patience within the team. What he needs most is to find a

player who can pick the ball up from the back four and play a forward pass instead of a square one. The best time to do this is in friendly games and in qualifying games against the weaker teams in the group.

2 - Don't Be Afraid To Lose

I found it amusing at a press conference earlier this week to hear Fabio say he would like to use some new players (he didn't say younger) and would be looking at people like Kieran Gibbs and Jack Wilshire. Not that I don't believe he'll look at them, I'll be looking at them too, on the TV. I just don't see him picking them in games that matter. Nevertheless, this brings into stark reality his dilemma. His comfort zone is based around having experienced and reliable players he can trust. That these players let him and themselves down may not necessarily mean he abandons them. In many respects this would not only go against Don Fabio's ethos but also literally hang players out to dry, therefore effectively ending international careers. Let's be honest, any player who was in South Africa and is not picked for the August friendly against the Hungarians and/or the first matches of the European Championship campaign has to seriously consider their future.

If I'm Fabio I'm going to be as fearless as the lions on the shirt and drop the players who haven't performed. Too often there have been automatic choices for England who quite frankly haven't lived up to billing. They may be the best players we have but tell that to the Germans and to Algeria. Come the 2012 European Championships Fabio will be thankful he's dropped Frank Lampard, Matthew Upson, Glen Johnson, Emile Heskey, Gareth Barry and John Terry

and swapped them for players that will work just as hard off the ball as they do on it, as well as bring youthful enthusiasm and hope for the future.

3 - Avoid Becoming A Formation Fashion Victim

Though I think he should have changed formation during the tournament, at the end of the day Capello's the coach and he has to work with what he's comfortable with. I think too much is made of Capello's 4-4-2. It typical of the English way that as soon as a few teams start playing differently we think copying them is the way forward. Would England be any good in a 4-3-3 like the Argentines or in Germany's 4-2-3-1? Of course not.

Once upon a time the Germans played 3-5-2 with man-markers and a sweeper. Formations do evolve but formation fashion is dangerous. It lulls us into thinking we're so good the only thing that's needed to fix things is a tweak in the formation so we can be just like those other teams, you now the better ones. Spain plays a 4-4-2 and it's served them ok. Uruguay plays 4-4-2. Formations exist to suit the players or the coach. The thing he has to do is to stop playing Gerrard and Lampard as though he'll be arrested the moment he doesn't.

I would go further and say that the England players should play in the same positions as they do for their clubs. No matter how good a player is, put him out of position and you have a liability in waiting. Look at Bastos and Dani Alves of Brazil. Did Dopey Dunga really think Brazil would win the World Cup playing a J winger as a full-back and a right back as a centre midfielder? Diego Maradona did it and was deemed crazy. The Brazilian does it and he gets a free pass from the sheep that fawn over everything the Selecao do.

4 - Speaka Da Lingo Please Fabio

His exchanges with interviewers on TV were like comedy sketches, a muddled blur of Anglo-Italian. Fast forward two years to 2010 and his English is still abysmal. One wonders if the players actually understand what he says, or just make up their own meanings. Assuming the players won't learn Italian, Fabio needs to improve his English if he is to get the best out of the players. Hate to bring money into it, but there must be some affordable linguists he could use with a £6million salary? Even in London!

Something tells me that come the next few months Capello will continue to use 4-4-2 and not have the gonads to drop senior players because he won't trust the younger ones. Looking on the bright side in two years he'll be millions richer, and have left the England team with the same problems as when he started.



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Who would want to be England manager?

So England bow out of the tournament in South Africa after their worst ever loss at a World Cup Finals. The defeat to Germany, and not just the score line but the nature of the respective English and German performances, suggests that there are major problems with English football. And unfortunately I'm not too sure that these problems will be solved all that quickly.

As I already hinted at, it wasn't just the score line which angered and upset many English fans in their game against Germany, it was the shambles of a performance that the team put in. England looked disjointed, tactically deficient, and perhaps most worrying of all afraid, just as they had done in the games against the USA and Algeria. The only half decent, and that's probably being fairly hyperbolic, English performance came against Slovenia in which England just about scraped a one goal to nil win.

So whereas some teams, such as the newly ousted Ghana, can hold their heads up high as they went out fighting and attacking, England are left to hang their heads in shame at both their early exit and their dismal performances. And it's because England simply were so bad that we need to look into the reasons why England failed to live up to the hype yet again.

Let's not forget, it wasn't just England fans who were expecting big things of this crop of players. Many pundits from around Europe suggested that England were in a group of three or four teams that were favourites for the tournament. And it was also suggested that in Wayne Rooney England had a man who could light up the whole tournament. In both cases all the pundits were pretty far off the mark.

It seemed in the first few hours, then into the first few days after England's exit from the World Cup that the number one person to blame for the failure was the England boss Fabio Capello. I have to say that there are some criticisms of the Italian which I happen to agree



Capello points instructions from the England bench....

with, which are areas of concern since it appears that he is continuing as England boss. For one, he seemed unwilling to fully commit to all out attack when England really needed to. If a goal is needed then I'm not too sure that bringing on Emile Heskey, as much as he can offer, for Jermaine Defoe can ever be considered the right move. In this Fabio shares something with a recent predecessor, Sven Goren Eriksson, who also seemed unwilling to change things when the game required him to do so.

But those criticisms aside, I have to say that Fabio Capello should remain England boss. Don't forget that this is the man that everyone was saying was a great manager who would be able to push England to the next level. And now suddenly because of a weak tournament his position has been described by some as 'untenable'. It is absolutely ridiculous that in the space of a couple of weeks a man who is one of England's most successful managers in terms of what he has achieved in his career to date, goes

from being an England saviour to being vilified. But that would be the English press for you; always looking for someone to blame.

As I have suggested, there were failings in the way Capello set out his England team, and in the tactics he used, yet ultimately I'm not sure he could have done much else. For example, many pundits including Harry Redknapp suggested that Defoe should be playing up front as he is a natural goalscorer, something England need, yet after the game against Germany, in which Defoe did little, Redknapp concluded that Capello should have played Gerrard and Rooney. As England manager, if you win you are beyond criticism, but if you lose your decision making will be called into question, even if every single fan would have done the same exact thing.

And if Capello was to lose his job, exactly who would be England boss? I can think of no names at all that would be a better pick than the man currently in the job. Many people are suggesting that

England need an English manager, but look how that one worked out last time. Steve McClaren failed to qualify for the European Championships in 2008, and was heavily criticised by both English fans and the English press. Looking back though, I can't really see many players that McClaren picked that would not have started in every other manager's first eleven. And after being vilified by the English press as the reason England didn't qualify, he went and won the Dutch league with an un-fancied side, just to prove that he is one of the best English managers out there.

Simply put, being England manager is the toughest job in football, as even if every decision you make is exactly the one that ninety nine percent of people would have made, if it goes against you then you are completely wrong and don't know what you are doing, even if you have won league titles elsewhere.

For me, coming out of South Africa the two major problems with the England national football team are the English press and the English

players. I have already spoken of how the English press are constantly criticising players and managers, and it is the pressure that they put on that can lead to poor showings.

But the major problem as I see it with this English team is the players themselves. To be completely honest, they have all shown that in an England shirt they're not that good, and certainly not world beaters. Wayne Rooney, the main man, was abysmally bad, as he could barely pass the ball to his team mates, his touch was non-existent, and he failed to score even the one goal. At the back John Terry and Matthew Upson showed that they are useless unless they have someone with pace beside them, and the full backs showed that they don't really understand the concept of covering your fellow defenders when they need it. In the midfield Gareth Barry showed that for all his neat touches he is actually slower than my nan, and Frank Lampard showed that in an England shirt he offers literally nothing.

For England to be more successful in the future they have to start bringing through some of their younger talent, the likes of Phil Jagielka, Jack Rodwell and Adam Johnson come to mind, and actually give these guys a chance ahead of the likes of Lampard and Terry, who have shown to be weak links for the national side. I'm not suggesting that the likes of Rooney and Lennon are not good, as they are still great players with a bright England future, but Capello has to put players like Rooney in fear of his place, as he should have been dropped or at least substituted in the Germany game. But, as I have already pointed out, if Capello does omit these big names and it doesn't go well, then once again he will be public enemy number one.

If someone gets it right, the England job is a dream one, but for the most part, as almost every England manager has known, including the great Alf Ramsey, get it even a little wrong then you are in for some dark days indeed.

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Another convincing victory in game 2 of the quarter finals as Switzerland, ably led by the Golden Boot leader Luca (6 goals - 27 total), scored 9 goals to Nigeria's 2.

Greece led by Jahid's hat trick had a huge win over the much fancied Holland side - Holland took an early lead but Greece held strong and a 5-3 win was the final outcome.

The Portugal V Argentina contest was a fiery one that saw 7 goals from Portugal's Billy drive them home to a 9-4 win - Argentina battled hard but Portugal in the end were the better side and fully deserved the final spot in the semi finals.

The Semi Final's see Chile & Switzerland play off and Portugal

take on Greece.

In the group stage Chile beat Switzerland 7-5 in a very tight contest - expect more of the same on Friday Night - this game really could go either way - key to this game will be clinical finishing, every shot on target is vital.

Greece will see the return of 2 players from suspension and Portugal will once again be looking for Billy to set the courts on fire as he has done through the whole tournament. Portugal have been the most consistent side but Greece's experience in tight contests (2 one goal victories & a draw to qualify to the knock out stage) in this World Cup means that you would be crazy to bet against them.

Match Video Highlights on YouTube - see www.saxonsportsfrankston.com for the link

Friday July 9 is the date for the Semi Finals - straight after the semi finals are completed the 3rd/4th play off will take place and then the World of Soccer 2010 World Cup Final will follow.

All players of all nations are invited to attend with finger food available in the bar and presentations after the World Cup Final - it promises to be a sensational nights entertainment as the final four battle it out for \$2500's prize money.

Head referee, Ash Rowan, stikes a pose in front of the 'World Cup' at Saxon Sports.

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Luca (Switzerland) 6
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Jahid (Greece) 3
Glen (Netherlands) 3

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Victor (Chile) 22
Jahid (Greece) 22
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58 v 57
62 - Thurs 08-Jul 04:00 LIVE
59 v 60

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63 - Sun 11-Jul 04:00 LIVE
61 (Losers) v 62 (Losers)

World Cup Final

64 - Mon 12-Jul 03:30 LIVE
61 v 62

Monday July 5th, 2010
5:30 pm FIFA Futbol Mundial

Tuesday July 6th, 2010
2:00 am 2010 FIFA World Cup Match Replay - (SBS Sport) WS
4:00 am 2010 FIFA World Cup: 1st

Semi Final - Live - From Green Point Stadium, Cape Town. (SBS Sport) CC WS

Wednesday July 7th, 2010
5:00 pm 2010 FIFA World Cup Match of the Day
8:30 pm Santo, Sam and Ed's Cup Fever!
9:00 pm The 2010 FIFA World Cup Show
2:00 am 2010 FIFA World Cup Match Replay
4:00 am FIFA World Cup: 2nd Semi Final - Live - From Durban Stadium, Durban.

Thursday July 8th, 2010
8:30 pm Santo, Sam and Ed's Cup Fever!
9:00 pm The 2010 FIFA World Cup Show

Saturday July 10th, 2010
8:30 pm Santo, Sam and Ed's Cup Fever!
9:00 pm The 2010 FIFA World Cup Show
1:30 am 2010 FIFA World Cup Match Replay - (SBS Sport) WS
3:30 am FIFA World Cup: 3rd v 4th Playoff - Live - From Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, Nelson Mandela Bay / Port Elizabeth

Sunday July 11th, 2010

12.30pm Outback United - With the 2010 World Cup in full swing, there's another quieter revolution underway: an audacious 10-year plan to bring the world game to Indigenous communities and to ensure that 5% of A-League players and Socceroos are from the Indigenous community by 2018. This documentary charts the history of Aboriginal football and investigates why Indigenous athletes such as Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin were lured to the oval ball as opposed to the round

4:00 pm Football Asia - Provides the latest news and updates of the various football leagues across Asia.

4:30 pm FIFA Futbol Mundial - Weekly magazine show that travels the globe to bring you the stars of today, the talents of tomorrow and the heroes of the past.

5:00 pm 2010 FIFA World Cup Match of the Day - Hosted by Paul Demsey and Thai Neave.

8:30 pm Santo, Sam and Ed's Cup Fever!

9:00 pm The 2010 FIFA World Cup Show

2:00 am 2010 FIFA World Cup Match Replay

3:30 am 2010 FIFA World Cup: Final - Live - From Ellis Park Stadium, Johannesburg.

Upcoming A-league trial matches:

Gold Coast United
Palm Beach v Gold Coast United
Tuesday 6 July (7.30pm kick off).
At Mallowa Drive, Palm Beach

Rochdale Rovers v Gold Coast United
Tuesday 13 July (7.00pm kick off).
At Underwood Park, Rochdale

Gold Coast Select XI v Gold Coast United
Wednesday 21 July (7.30pm kick off).
At Carrara Stadium, Broadbeach-Nerang Road, Carrara

Adelaide United
Adelaide United v Adelaide Galaxy
Con Makris Park (corner Saratoga Drive & Morphett Road, Novar Gardens).
Wednesday 7th July.
Kick-Off is at 7.00pm (ACST) and admission is FREE.

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Deakin Stadium, Grose St, Deakin
Monday, 5 July
Kick-off: 6:30pm

Belconnen United vs. Central Coast Mariners
Belconnen Soccer Centre, Walkley Cl, McKellar
Wednesday, 7 July
Kick-off: 6:00pm

Brisbane Roar
Brisbane clash with the Brisbane Invitational XI at Underwood Park on July 6, with gates opening at 4.30pm.
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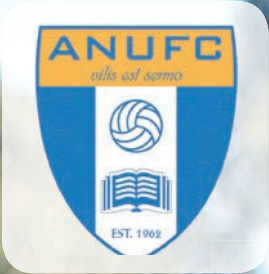
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Australian Futsalroo
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FAVOURITE HAL PLAYER:
Carlos Hernandez
FAVOURITE FORMER SOCCEROO:
John Warren
FAVOURITE CURRENT SOCCEROO:
Tim Cahill
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A PLAYER: Playing for the Futsalroos and winning 4-2 against Kuwait when I scored a hat-trick.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A FAN: Australia beating Uruguay to qualify for the 2006 World Cup and the Manchester derby last season at Old Trafford when United beat City 4-3.
MOST MEMORABLE GOAL YOU'VE SCORED: At under-16 FFA National Championships against Victoria, I scored a goal from the kick off. Another player tapped it, and I shot from halfway and scored!
EARLIEST FOOTBALL MEMORY: Playing soccer in the backyard with my brother and cousins.
FUNNIEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Ruud van Nistelrooy's celebration versus Andorra.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing in the quarter finals of the AFC Futsal Championships 2010.
WORST INJURY: A stress fracture in my lower back. I didn't play for about four months.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Mohammed Taheri and Masoud Daneshvar of the Iranian Futsal team.
SUPERSTITIONS: None
TYPICAL MATCH DAY MEAL: Cereal for breakfast and a bowl of pasta about three hours before kick off.
WHAT ARE YOUR STRENGTHS: Skills, dribbling and shooting.
WHAT ARE YOUR WEAKNESSES: My physical capability.
FAVOURITE TEAM WHEN GROWING UP: Manchester United, still is.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Rugby League
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTSPERSON: Benji Marshall
FAVOURITE FOODS: McDonald's!
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Al Pacino
HOBBIES: Playing my Playstation 3.
IDEAL DATE: Jennifer Aniston, Miranda Kerr and me! hahaha
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Entourage, Underbelly, Friends
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Rap and Hip-Hop
FAVOURITE FILM: Scarface
LAST SOCCER SHIRT YOU BOUGHT: Serbian national jersey
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Defending!
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To play for the Socceroos.
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? : Cristiano Ronaldo
YOUR TIP FOR THIS YEAR'S WORLD CUP: Argentina to win, Gonzalo Higuain to be top scorer.





Serbia Following Serbia's disappointing World Cup campaign many had called for Radomir Antic's head but the experienced manager will stay on with the team and will hope to lead the side to Euro 2012. Serbia will come up against fellow World Cup participants Italy and Slovenia in their group both sides also caught early flights home following first round exits.

Aleksandar Kolarov and Milos Krasic have been transfer targets for a majority of European football's biggest clubs but following their poor performances at the World Cup many clubs have decided to back out. Kolarov was close to signing for Real Madrid who is now looking at Ashley Cole while Krasic seemed to be close to signing for Italian giants Juventus. Both players are definitely leaving their respective clubs during the transfer window but the likely destination is unknown.

Serbian Cup Winners Red Star Belgrade has been gearing up for the new season in a training camp in neighbouring Slovenia. They played a few friendly matches against Slovenia's best teams and against one of the local sides.

The biggest news from the club has been the re signing of midfielder Ognjen Koroman and the departure of club captain Nikola Lazetic. Red Star's biggest transfer target is former Serbian international Ranko Despotovic who played last season in the Spanish Segunda for Salamanca. Partizan and Vojvodina will give the Red and Whites stiff competition for the strikers signature.


Serbian League Champions Partizan Belgrade have been preparing for the



Raddy Antic: staying on as Serbia coach

new season in Austraiia with a new addition to the side. Gabon defender Joseph Kizito has signed a three year deal arriving from rivals Vojvodina. The versatile fullback has been one of the best players in the Serbian SuperLiga in recent years and will be a valuable player in Partizan's bid for a European Champions League spot. Partizan might be close to re signing former captain Milan Smiljanic who has had two seasons to forget in the Spanish Primera. Partizan will take on Armenian Champions Pyunik in Champions League Qualifying.

Partizan was defeated by Austrian First Division side Wacker Tirol 4:2, this was the third defeat for the Black and Whites in Austria, and previously they lost to Czech side Mlada Bolesov and Polish Champions Lech Poznan.



Croatia League Champions Dinamo Zagreb drew 1:1 with Greek side Olympiakos in a pre season friendly. In a match which the Croat's dominated from start to finish they allowed Olympiakos to get something out of it. Sammir opened the scoring for Dinamo from the spot just before half time while Zairi levelled for the Greeks with five minutes remaining.

Dinamo will be under Vladimir Zajec for the new season and everyone is hoping he can lead the club to the Group Stages of the UEFA Champions League for the first time in over ten years.

Mario Mandzukic has been linked with a transfer away from the club and the most likely destination seems to be Austrian side Salzburg who are look-

ing for a replacement for the departing Marco Janka.

Cup Champions Hajduk Split will give youth a go next season. The club has seen many key players leave due to financial problems and manager Slavko Poklepovic is eager to bread youth into the team. Hajduk is looking to win its first Croatian League title in almost six years but will lack experience compared



to Dinamo.

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1. DINAMO – HR.DRAGOVOLJ.
2. RIJEKA – SPLIT
3. VARTEKS – ZADAR
4. KARLOVAC – INTER-ZAPR.
5. SL.BELUPO – ŠIBENIK
6. CIBALIA – OSIJEK
Sunday, 25.07. 20.00

7. HAJDUK – ISTRA 1961
8. ZAGREB – LOKOMOTIVA Friday, 23.07. 20.00

2. kolo, 31.07.2010. –Saturday 18.00 / 20.00

1. HR.DRAGOV. – LOKOMOTIVA Friday, 30.07. 20.00
2. ISTRA 1961 – ZAGREB
3. OSIJEK – HAJDUK
Sunday, 01.08. 20.00
4. ŠIBENIK – CIBALIA

5. INTER-ZAPR. – SL.BELUPO Friday, 30.07. 20.00

6. ZADAR – KARLOVAC
7. SPLIT – VARTEKS
8. DINAMO – RIJEKA

3. kolo, 07.08.2010. –Saturday 17.30 / 20.00

1. RIJEKA – HR.DRAGOVOLJ.
2. VARTEKS – DINAMO
3. KARLOVAC – SPLIT
4. SL.BELUPO – ZADAR
5. CIBALIA – INTER-ZAPR.
6. HAJDUK – ŠIBENIK Sunday, 08.08. 20.00
7. ZAGREB – OSIJEK Friday, 06.08. 20.00
8. LOKOMOTIVA – ISTRA 1961

4. kolo, 14.08.2010. Saturday 17.30 / 20.00

1. HR.DRAGOVOLJ. – ISTRA 1961 Friday, 13.08. 20.00
2. OSIJEK – LOKOMOTIVA
3. ŠIBENIK – ZAGREB
4. INTER-ZAPR. – HAJDUK Friday, 13.08. 20.00
5. ZADAR – CIBALIA
6. SPLIT – SL.BELUPO
7. DINAMO – KARLOVAC
8. RIJEKA – VARTEKS

5. kolo, 21.08.2010. –Saturday 17.00 / 20.00

1. VARTEKS – HR.DRAGOVOLJ.
2. KARLOVAC – RIJEKA
3. SL.BELUPO – DINAMO
4. CIBALIA – SPLIT
5. HAJDUK – ZADAR
6. ZAGREB – INTER-ZAPR. Friday, 20.08. 20.00
7. LOKOMOTIVA – ŠIBENIK
8. ISTRA 1961 – OSIJEK

With many of the world's football followers tuning in all forms of media to the World Cup in South Africa the transfer window has been somewhat marginalised on the schedules for a large amount of football fans.

In reality, whilst all attention has been placed on the World Cup in the past week many big players and clubs have completed moves around Europe, alongside many of the usual sensationalized transfer rumours.

Manchester City continue to provide an insurmountable transfer window lead in their bidding wars with many clubs, they have succeeded with Barcelona midfielder Yaya Toure who will join his older brother at Eastlands next season after a £28million five-year deal. City has also signed German and Hertha Berlin defender Jerome Boateng on a five-year contract for £12.5 million.

The sky blues have also confirmed Spanish and Valencia left winger David Silva for an unknown amount thus far. He will undergo a medical when Spain's World Cup campaign ends before completing the transfer in its entirety.

City is also very close to signing Wolfsburg striker Edin Dzeko. Manager Steven McLaren is reluctant to let Dzeko

leave and has slapped a £50million price tag on the Bosnian as he saw that £32.5 million was not sufficient, despite the striker requesting he be let go to the Eastlands.

The next most intense transfer news in England has been centered on Anfield. The well known departure of Coach Rafael Benitez to Inter Milan sparked an intense coach search that ended at Roy Hodgson as the new Liverpool king pin. Hodgson has been granted a £15 million transfer bank, from which he has began targeting stars such as Aston Villa's winger Ashley Young, as well as Dutch midfielder Rafael Van der Vaart, Brazilian Gilberto de Silva and a possible £9 million signing of Real Madrid winger Royston Drenthe being the most likely.

There is also the yet to be confirmed signing of Serbian target man Milan Jovanovic, who was rumoured to sign for Liverpool under Benitez. However, he has stressed that he will sign and play for the reds next season despite the introduction of Hodgson.

The possibility of such signings is enough to put a smile of any Liverpool fan's face, with the possibility of a new era at Liverpool reminiscent of those

only two decades ago in a bid for their first title since the 1991/1992 season. However, with the rumoured signings of these players, there is also the loss of players to be considered as a consequence. Israeli midfielder Yossi Benayoun has already completed his £6.5 million move to Chelsea, a great loss for the reds attacking movements.

There is also the rumour of Steven Gerrard making a Real Madrid move, which will provide more midfield woes for the reds. Gerrard is at the top of Jose Mourinho's wish list as he attempts to build up the Spanish powerhouses even further.

Staying in England for the moment, at Manchester United, the highly publicised signing of Mexican attacker Javier Hernandez for £8 million from CD Guadalajara is only one of two signings for the red devils in their 2010/2011 title bid.

Lastly, the incredible bidding war between Barcelona and Arsenal over the signing of Spanish midfielder Cesc Fabregas has bounced back and forth from a highly likely to impossible and everything in between. The latest news from the Barca camp was that new President Sandro Rosell will not break the bank for Fabregas.



Roy Hodgson takes charge of the boot-room at Anfield

However, an offer rumoured between £40 - 52 million for the 23 year-old has been possibly rejected by Arsenal, despite Fabregas wishing to return to his boyhood club. The deal is looking less likely each day as Arsenal try to hold on to their central dynamo by a thread.

Away from England, 22 year-old speedy and skillful Argentine left winger Angel di Maria has officially signed for Real Madrid from Benfica for €25 million.

In the Serie A, Luca Toni has signed for Genoa from Bayern Munich after being on a loan deal at Roma on a free transfer after not making the unsuccessful Italian World Cup squad. Also, attacker Simone Pepe, who was in the

Italian squad, has also signed a loan deal with Juventus from Udinese.

Elsewhere, injured German midfielder Michael Ballack was been picked up by Bayer Leverkusen from Chelsea on a free transfer as the World Cup began in mid June. Portuguese midfielder Ricardo Quaresma was signed by Turkish club Besiktas from Inter Milan for €7.2 million in June, and lastly, Serbian midfielder Zoran Tosic was picked up by CSKA Moscow from Manchester United for £8 million also in June. He will join fellow Serbian Milos Krasic at the Russian club this season.



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South American semi sweep sunk

A first ever South American semifinal sweep could have unfolded at the World Cup if Brazil had defeated the Netherlands. Now they meet Uruguay while Argentina and Paraguay could have won their quarterfinals, while European powers Spain, Germany and Netherlands were out to do their bit and lone African survivor Ghana have crashed out sadly.

Four multiple World Cup winners and four who have never captured the title made it to the quarter-finals and two of the matchups—Argentina-Germany and Netherlands-Brazil—are worthy of the final itself without a doubt. In the other quarterfinals, two-time World Cup winner Uruguay faced Ghana in an epic, dramatic battle while Paraguay fought gallantly losing to European champion Spain. Argentina and Germany met in back-to-back finals in 1986 and '90 and the common denominator is Diego Maradona, who played in each final and now obviously coached the national team of the meat-obsessed football-mad nation in South Africa



ARGENTINA

Immediately after Argentina's 4-0 quarter final loss to Germany on Saturday, Maradona was understandably upset. And according to Argentina's *Diarios y Noticias*, he let a group of German fans know it. A translation of their report:

"Argentina national team coach Diego Maradona had an altercation with German fans after the end of the match that marked the elimination of said team from the 2010 South Africa World Cup.

Apparently upset over post game celebrations by fans located behind the Argentinean bench, Maradona approached and scolded them, until Dalma, one of his daughters, entered the field and contained him."

It's a shame the man who has entertained us all over the last few weeks with his exuberance and delightful antics had to get involved in something like this. He would go on to say that this loss was "the most disappointing moment in my life" which shows just how devastated he must have been as he walked off the pitch and saw German fans in red and yellow wigs partying like it's Oktoberfest

Let's recap ten things Diego stressed on before and during the tournament:

10) Maradona & His Amazing Garcé-Coloured Dreamcoat

There was widespread anger when Argentina record-cap holder Javier Zanetti was left at home, despite a brilliant treble-winning season with Inter. Rumour has it that virtually unknown Colón de Santa Fé veteran Ariel Garcé was called up instead because Maradona had a dream that Argentina won the tournament, and Garcé was the only player he could remember!

9) I Told You So About Milito

How about this for irony? After controversially leaving Zanetti and Esteban Cambiasso out of his original 30-man World Cup squad there were reports that Maradona would then cut another Interista Diego Milito from the final 23.

When the 1986-World Cup winner did indeed retain Diego Milito, he mocked the media and public by humorously making out as if he was the only person who believed in the striker: "Milito ended up confirming I was right in including him among the 23 players I'm taking to the World Cup. I'm not surprised about what Milito has done."

Diego Milito bagged a brace against Bayern Munich in the Champions League final, blasted home the only goal of the Coppa Italia final and scored the winner over Siena that clinched the Scudetto for Inter, scoring 30 club goals in all competitions.

8) Maradona Runs Over Cameraman & Curses The Man

Maradona had enough to worry about on the day he formally announced his 23-man World Cup squad for South Africa, however the announcement turned into a farce after the coach ran over a cameraman.

Driving a Mini to a news conference, Diego was surrounded by newsmen as he made his way to the venue before hitting one poor guy with his car. According to reports, Maradona drove his car over the cameraman's foot and then began blaming and hurling insults at his victim for causing the accident in the first place.

Witnesses were quoted hearing Maradona saying "What an a**hole you are. How can you put your leg there where it can get run over, man?"

7) Maradona Encourages Players To Have Sex

Maradona is like the cool teacher at high school who lets you eat and drink in class, answer your mobile during lessons, and not wear proper uniform. When quizzed whether he permitted his players to have sex during the World Cup, Dieguito is reported to have responded: "Of course, as long as the women do all the work."

Team doctor Donato Villani added: "Sex is a normal part of social life and is not a problem. The disadvantages are when it is with someone who is not a stable partner or when the player should be resting.

"It is important the action should not reverberate in the legs of the players. Sex isn't a problem. It's only a problem if they're doing it at two in the morning with a bottle of champagne on the go."

6) Naked In Buenos Aires

Argentina have been in fantastic form in South Africa so far, and are looking like a real potential winner. Maradona has promised that if the Albiceleste lift the trophy in South Africa after the World Cup final on July 11 he'll run naked through the streets of Buenos Aires.

"If we win the World Cup, I'll get naked and run around the Obelisk in the centre of the city," Diego smiled.

5) We All Know What The French Are Like

In the early stages of the tournament, Maradona lashed out at UEFA president Michel Platini. At a press conference, Diego called for Platini to try the controversial Adidas Jabulani match ball which has not impressed 'El Pelusa. "Platini, I'm not surprised with him because we've always had a distant relationship," he revealed. "Hello, Goodbye! We all know how the French are, and Platini is French and believes he is better than the rest."

4) All The Losers, Line Up

During a training session in Pretoria, Maradona punished the losers of a mini-match by making them line up in the goal and have the ball pelted at them by the winning opponents. Diego joined the recipients – including "Kun" Agüero and Walter Samuel – in receiving the lashes.

3) Maradona Prefers Women

After thrashing South Korea 4-1 in Argentina's second match, Maradona was asked at the post-match press conference why he always hugs and kisses his players when celebrating, to which he replied that he was definitely straight.

"Well I still prefer women," Diego proclaimed. "I am dating Verónica who is blonde and 31-years-old. No I have not gone limp wristed [homosexual]. But I like to acknowledge and congratulate my players when they play as well as they did today. That was a pleasing result and display. It was a job well done."

2) Pelé Should Go Back To The Museum

One thing that was guaranteed to happen this World Cup was a verbal war of words between eternal enemies Maradona and Pelé. In response to Pelé's assertion that Maradona only took the Albiceleste coaching job because he needed the money, the Argentine declared that 'The Jinx' should "go back to the museum".

Maradona also earlier accused Pelé of failing to support the South African World Cup and the country itself. "When the tragedy happened to the Togolese team before the Africa Cup of Nations, a certain coloured gentleman who played number 10 didn't believe that the World Cup could be played here", he roared.

"But today South Africa answers him 'yes it can', the World Cup begins."

1) No One Takes Free Kicks Like Diego

The 2010 World Cup has been a disaster for long-shots and free kicks, with the majority of players struggling terribly to get to grips with the Jabulani. But, one person, who has had no problems handling the much-maligned World Cup ball is Maradona, as he fired home free kick after free kick into the top corner during training.



PARAGUAY

Paraguay forward Oscar Cardozo crumpled to the ground in tears at the final whistle, his missed penalty in his country's first World Cup quarterfinal had enabled Spain to advance after scoring a late goal. Cardozo had the opportunity to give Paraguay the lead in the 59th minute at Ellis Park in Johannesburg, but his spot kick was saved by goalkeeper Iker Casillas and Spain striker David Villa scored with seven minutes remaining to seal a 1-0 win Saturday. The Paraguay forward was inconsolable as his teammates and staff members tried in vain to comfort him.

"I just feel a bit guilty personally because of the missed penalty," Cardozo said. "If I had scored it could have been different." Within two minutes of Cardozo's miss, Spain was awarded a penalty of its own. As the referee pointed to the spot, Cardozo fell to his knees in the center circle and had to be lifted to his feet by forward Nelson Haedo Valdez.

"I tried to tell him not to lose hope," Valdez said. "I told him that the game wasn't over yet and he would get other chances." Cardozo hung his head as Xabi Alonso converted the penalty, but was relieved to see the referee order the kick to be retaken because some Spanish players had encroached inside the area. When Justo Villar saved Alonso's second attempt, Cardozo ran to his goalkeeping captain and patted him on the head.

The reprieve was short-lived. Paraguay's luck ran out when Villa scored from an attack in which the ball struck a post three times before crossing the line. Substitute Roque Santa Cruz missed a great chance late on for Paraguay to level when Casillas made a quality block.

At fulltime, Cardozo slumped to the turf before rising and pulling his shirt over his head. Player after player, including Casillas and others from Spain, went to offer sympathy as he wandered round the pitch with a shocked expression on his face.

"Paraguay played a good game, we just didn't take advantage of the chances we had," a red-eyed Cardozo said. "I missed a penalty and I still can't believe it. That's football though, and you've just got to try and move forward." Paraguay coach Gerardo Martino said Cardozo would need strength to recover from his disappointment. "This is the story of football," Martino said. "This can happen. It's important for him not to feel bad."

Santa Cruz also offered words of encouragement. "Nobody's going to reproach him for anything," he said. "Even the best players miss penalties."

Coach Gerardo Martino was in floods of tears after his side reached the World Cup quarter-finals for the first time although he was soon trying to play down the waterworks. A win on penalties over Japan after a dreadful 0-0 draw in the last 16 tie on Tuesday to Japan was initially too much for the Argentine. "There's a lot of fear and tension during a match and it's difficult to go through a match like that," he told a news conference. He said regardless of the result against Spain, he is extremely proud. He expressed his desire to psychologically be present for his players now that they have bowed out by a gallant-led David Villa

Spain side.

"Everybody knows that it's unfair to have it decided by penalties. We didn't play too well but we were looking to be decisive. So many things go through your mind so there is a reason for tears." But, as if to reassert his authority and set a new target for his players among the emotion, Martino said the achievement meant nothing compared to other personal moments even if it was an almighty success for the small South American nation.

"We may not give the achievement its necessary importance now. We may well give it the necessary importance afterwards," he said. "I understand this is a success but when it comes to personal success it comes down to things that are more important. We certainly know we are among the eight best teams in the world but to say this was one of my top achievements, I couldn't say that."



BRAZIL

Little mention is made when Brazil wins, as expected. It is when they lose they make more headlines. Last Friday's Brazil-Netherlands game however in Port Elizabeth brought together the five-time winning Brazilians against a country which has never won football's biggest prize but was runner-up twice in the 1970s. Back in those days, the Dutch had a style of play that matched the Brazilians, but the team fell just short in terms of making it count.

Brazil coach Dunga has accepted the blame for the World Cup quarter-final defeat by the Netherlands that brought his four-year reign to a bitterly disappointing end. The man who captained the Selecao's winning squad in 1994 has reached the end of his current contract and any hopes he may have harboured of being asked to stay on until Brazil hosts the tournament in 2014 were crushed by the Dutch, who came from behind to claim a 2-1 win on Friday.

"I was contracted for four years and we knew that from the start," Dunga said. "During the last four years I have been very happy to coach this Brazilian team and if you look at the players' faces you would understand how they feel." He added: "We are all responsible for this situation but I have the greatest responsibility." He immediately accepted blame for the defeat.

"Without a shadow of a doubt, I am the coach of the Brazilian team," Dunga said. "I have the greatest responsibility." A former defensive midfielder who captained Brazil in 1994 and 1998, Dunga was known for his toughness on and off the field. He was heavily criticized by fans and local media when he was appointed despite having no coaching experience at any level. Many said Dunga was just a temporary choice until a better coach could be signed.

In his four years in charge, Dunga revamped Brazil with successful results, leaving out stars like Ronaldinho, Ronaldo and Adriano and introducing lesser-known players known for their discipline and hard work. The results paid off when the team won the 2007 Copa America and the 2009 Confederations Cup, but success in Brazil is measured almost exclusively at World Cups, something Dunga knows well. Having already led Brazil to the 1994 title, Dunga's final World Cup appearance as a player also came against the Netherlands. He looked back Thursday at that 1998 semifinal as one of the most memorable moments in his career, recalling affectionately how he converted Brazil's final penalty in a shootout win. Dunga would probably like to forget this match against the Dutch, but it could be a while before he coaches again.

Brazil appeared to be coasting towards the last four after Robinho gave them an early lead. But the Dutch turned the match around after the interval thanks to an own goal from Juventus midfielder Felipe Melo, who was later sent off for stamping on Arjen Robben, and a Wesley Sneijder header.

"We are all extremely saddened, we did not expect this," Dunga added. "We knew it would be a delicate, difficult game. In the first half we played better than in the second but we were not able to maintain the same rhythm. "We could not maintain the same level of concentration. Any World Cup match is 90 minutes and it is the small details that count."

Felipe Melo had offered no hint of how badly his afternoon was to end as he slid a fine pass through the heart of the Dutch defence for Robinho to run on to before placing a shot beyond Stekelenburg's left glove. Centre back Juan then blasted a close-range chance over the bar before Kaka and Maicon produced two of the saves of the tournament from the Dutch goalkeeper. There seemed no way back for the Dutch at that stage. Yet within eight minutes of the restart they were level, thanks in no small part to a free-kick won by Robben's dive close to the right touchline.

The set-piece was taken short, enabling Sneijder to work the ball into space and his cross found the net off the top of Melo's head after the midfielder and goalkeeper Julio César collided. An afternoon that had started so positively for Brazil began to take on a nightmarish tinge when Melo's frustration with Robben's antics resulted in a stamp on the Bayern Munich winger's thigh, leaving Japanese referee Yuichi Nishimura with no option but to brandish a red card with 18 minutes left. There was no way back for Brazil, or for Dunga.



URUGUAY

Luis Suárez is known for scoring goals, not stopping them. A forward by trade, he has hit the net three times already in this World Cup. Yet no goal he scores in his career

may be as important as the split-second decision to throw up his hand to keep out what would have been a winning goal for Ghana and keep Uruguay's hopes dangling by a thread.

"It all happened very quickly," Suárez said. "But instinctively I must have known that I had to do what-

ever it took to keep the ball out of the goal. I couldn't get my head near it so I had to use my hands. I had to sacrifice myself for the team and the country." Asked if this had been another "hand of God" moment similar to Diego Maradona's famous 1986 goal, he said it was the "hand of Suárez."

"It's difficult to be sent off at a World Cup. It's complicated," said the high-scoring Suarez, who left the field in tears. "But the way in which I was sent off today—truth is, it was worth it." For Suárez it is a true sacrifice. Uruguay, a two-time World Cup champion, has not reached a semifinal since 1970 and Tuesday's showdown with the Netherlands at Cape Town's Green Point Stadium is a monumental game in that country's history. But Suarez will sit it out, serving a suspension as a result of the red card handed out by referee Olegario Benquerencia from Portugal.

"For me he is a hero," said Diego Forlán, Suárez's attacking partner. "If he hadn't stopped the ball we were finished. It would have been a goal, the game would have been over and so would our World Cup."

"He put the team first, and he gave us a chance. Thankfully, we took it. Now we will try for the final." Forlán pulled Uruguay level with a superb free kick after 55 minutes, curling the ball over the Ghana wall and past goalkeeper Richard Kingson.

"Crazy doesn't describe this," Uruguay coach Oscar Tabárez said. "I have never known a match like this, with so much drama and everything happening in just a few minutes at the end. "This is beyond crazy. For this to happen in the World Cup quarterfinal is amazing. We were very close to going out but we kept going and we kept fighting. Somehow we got through." This was a night where the result could have gone either way. A desperate double-armed flail on the goal line had Uruguay's World Cup campaign flash before its eyes. "It wasn't really a choice," Suárez said. "It just had to be done. It is disappointing to miss the semifinal but there was nothing else for me to do. I had the opportunity to give us some small chance, and I took it."

Despite winning the World Cups in 1930 and '50, Uruguay has not made it this far since 1970 but is having a revival under coach Oscar Tabárez. From an Australian football perspective, little mention has been made on their progress. A sign of limited sportsmanship and football education. Uruguay is a squad that struggled to qualify that nowadays boasts a challenging, formidable and attacking side. Shows the limited ability to identify and admit results are far from just results, rather a sign of long-term planning and structuring.

Although striker Diego Forlán has received most of the accolades, Edinson Cavani and Suárez—who is suspended for the Netherlands match because of his handball against Ghana—are both highly rated young forwards, while the defense led by captain Diego Lugano has conceded only two goals in five games.

"I don't know whether this is the rebirth of Uruguayan football," Tabarez said. "It could be as long as we don't go another 20 years or so without getting to this stage." Tabárez took over the squad four years ago for his second stint in charge. He says the job includes developing the younger age group teams as well working with the national squad.

"In Uruguay, football is a passion," he said. "Children practice lots. There are not many of us but the marvelous thing is that we keep producing great players. "We've got to make sure we take advantage of that and organize ourselves to keep doing as well as we are now—or better."

Beating the Netherlands on Tuesday in Cape Town won't be an easy task, Tabarez acknowledged. "It's a very difficult match against the Netherlands," he said. "They haven't lost a game so far, they've got great players and a lot of diversity in their play. "They will start as the favorites, I think, and it's going to be difficult—difficult, but not impossible."

An AP report by Angus MacSwan highlighted on the gritty people described in the mining city of Kimberley enjoying the World Cup success of Uruguay's soccer team almost as much as the South Americans themselves. The bonds forged are set to endure after the excitement is over and "La Celeste" have left town. The Uruguayans set up base camp there high on South Africa's central plains at the launch of their campaign in early June and have now made it to the last eight, their best World Cup showing in 40 years.

"The Dream Stays Alive. City Team Book Their Place in the Quarter," was the front page splash in the daily DFA newspaper after Uruguay's 2-1 victory over South Korea, along with a photo of goal scorer Luis Suárez. Sky-blue and white Uruguayan flags hang in bars and from street lamps. Residents wear T-shirts with the slogan: "Kimberley welcomes Uruguay. The base camp that sparkles"—a reference to the city's role as a main source of the world's diamonds.

"I want to hug them. They have made us proud," said pensioner Pulane Boikanyo, who was waiting outside the local sports stadium for the Uruguayans to arrive for training ahead of Friday's quarter-final showdown with Ghana. The enthusiasm is all the more remarkable as no matches have been played in Kimberley because it had no stadium that lived up to FIFA standards.

But Uruguay opened up their first training session to the public, drawing a large crowd. Later sessions were more guarded but they let in school kids to get a glimpse of Diego Forlán and his comrades. He is desperate for attention to fall away from the Celeste, telling the press that he doesn't want them to label his side as favourites of any kind.

"It is logical, as the games start passing they are going to take us into account more and more," the Atletico striker told Olé. "I cannot believe that we are in the last eight of the World Cup. But let's calm down, we have to go game to game, and enjoy the World Cup with the group and with our families."

The Uruguayans have impressed so far in the World Cup, only conceding one goal in their first four matches. They have also shown skill and potency in front of goal, with Forlan's strike partner Luis Suarez netting three times in the tournament so far. But Forlan knows that from this moment on there will be no easy games

in the campaign, and refuses to take next opponents Ghana lightly.

Kimberley is rich in minerals and military history but is a long, long way from South Africa's glamorous, cosmopolitan cities of Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg. Members of the Uruguayan camp have likened Kimberley to a town on Uruguay's pampas. They share the same southern hemisphere climate, although it is colder at night. And they enjoy similar culinary culture, with steak, chicken and red wine the essential requirements.

"It is a little city but it lacks nothing. It is easy to get to training, there's no traffic. It has been excellent," said team spokesman Matias Faral. On Monday night, the president of the Uruguayan Football Association, Sebastián Bauzá, and the premier of Northern Cape province Hazel Jenkins, announced a programme to build on the links forged. "It has been our home, for our players and for our other people who were here. It has been very important to our campaign," Bauzá said.

The plan involves Uruguayan trainers and players coming to Kimberley to coach youngsters over the next five years, with the aim of creating a team that could reach South Africa's first division. Players will also be brought over to Uruguay for coaching. "We are blessed to have had Uruguay," Jenkins said. "We have enjoyed every minute. Kimberley and the Northern Cape is steadfast in its support."



CHILE

"The best team I've seen so far is Chile," said Dutch legend Johan Cruyff in his column for Monday's edition of Dutch daily *De Telegraaf*.

"Chile has, on its own, created more chances than just about all the other teams combined." Cruyff, who starred in Holland team that narrowly lost the 1974 World Cup final to Germany and was known for anchoring the legendary era of "total football," compared the South Americans favourably to his own national team.

"It was always our quality to offer fans something extra," Cruyff said of past Netherlands teams. "We may never have won the ultimate prize, but the whole world talked about us. Chile has taken over that role from us." Despite their painful loss to Brazil on Monday evening, Chile made quite an impression at the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™. With their attacking style and desire to take the initiative at all times, La Roja's youthful squad acquitted themselves admirably throughout, drawing strength from some of the most colourful and enthusiastic supporters on parade at the world finals.

Right from the kick-off in their opening game against Honduras, Marcelo Bielsa's side made it patently clear that they had not travelled to South Africa to make up the numbers. Notching wins in their first two matches, the Chileans eventually took second place in Group H, behind Spain on goal difference. Their reward was a Round of 16 tie with their bogey team Brazil, who once again put paid to their hopes, just as they had done at the same stage of France 1998.

Though dejected at departing the competition, the young Chileans have time on their side and can look forward to a bright future, as versatile defender Gonzálo Jara told FIFA in an exclusive interview: "We were the youngest team at the World Cup and almost all of us are 23 or 24. The experience we've had here will come in really useful for us. We know what it's all about now and we'll be back for more in 2014."

The experience we've had here will come in really useful for us. We know what it's all about now and we'll be back for more in 2014. Taking on a Switzerland side buoyed by their unexpected win over Spain, the Chileans generated chance after chance in another polished display, though all that separated the sides at the end of the 90 minutes was Mark González's smartly taken second-half header.

Although they had barely put a foot wrong in their first two games, La Roja still had work to do. To make sure of a place in the last 16 they had to draw with Spain in their final match in Tshwane/Pretoria or hope that the Swiss failed to beat Honduras in Mangaung/Bloemfontein. Beaten 2-1 by the Spanish despite playing for over 55 minutes with only ten men, Bielsa's side were relieved to receive news of Switzerland's 0-0 draw, a result that set up a last-16 meeting with the five-time world champions.

Chile have traditionally found the Brazilians tough nuts to crack and the scenario was no different when the two sides ran out in Johannesburg on Monday evening. Putting up spirited resistance for the opening half-hour, during which they created some presentable opportunities, La Roja eventually succumbed to their streetwise opponents, falling to a 3-0 reverse that left little cause for complaint.

Taking a positive view, Bielsa's players are looking upon the experience as an essential part of their learning curve. "Obviously you're never happy after you've been beaten," said Jara, "but I think the team created a really good impression throughout the competition. We stayed true to our style, no matter who we came up against."

"We couldn't quite take the chances we created but we were up against a better side," added captain and goalkeeper Claudio Bravo after the game. "I think we can look back positively on this World Cup, especially when you consider that it's been 12 years since we last took part in the finals." There is little question, then, that Chile can be proud of their efforts at South Africa 2010. And with a talented generation of young, pacy and committed players set to mature over the next four years, their performances in the last couple of weeks should provide the perfect springboard for a return to the big stage at Brazil 2014. The side have arrived to an heroic reception in Santiago.

Hot air and video technology: a plea for sanity

By Chris Correia

Someone needs to pitch in for the referees, so it might as well be me. There seems to be a naïve belief that what we see on television is better than what the referee sees on the field, rather than something different.

When an incident is replayed from several angles we appear to see everything from a major breach of the laws of the game to no breach at all depending on the movement of the players and the position from which the shots are taken. Or we see several sanctionable incidents taking place at the same or similar times. And all of that slowed down much below real time, sometimes turning an incident which takes place in a fraction of a second into one which last for several seconds. The latter is an artefact of the technology not the ‘reality of the game.

If anything the majority of referees may have erred in not issuing more red cards, particularly for serious foul play. The interpretation of the Laws of the Game and Guidelines for Referees issued before the start of this season and not in the lead up to the World Cup says: ‘Any player who lunges at an opponent in challenging for the ball from the front, from the side or from behind using one or both legs, with excessive force and endangering the safety of an opponent is guilty of serious foul play. A player who is guilty of serious foul play should be sent off.’ But strictly applied this would have resulted in several of the dire games we have been watching being played as five-a-sides before half-time.

The rule that a sending off leads to a one-game suspension has been in operation for years. The only addition is that tribunals may now increase the penalty if they consider the offence serious enough.

Now to the hand or arm ball and penalty kick plus red card incident involving Kewell, who admitted that the punishment was correct in the end. The wording of the relevant passage in the Interpretation is clear. ‘A player is sent off, however, if he prevents a goal or an obvious goalscoring



Wayne Rooney exchanges fishing stories with the ref after a legitimate England goal was never awarded.

opportunity by deliberately handling the ball. This punishment arises not from the act of the player deliberately handling the ball but from the unacceptable and unfair intervention that prevented a goal being scored.’

I do not look forward to a day when technology decides what is going on in this game. FIFA and the International Board agree and have abandoned the experiments. If, far down the track, we can provide the central referee with a hand held instant replay device which enables him or her to review the decision in real time a moment after it has happened so that play is not interrupted, then I might be prepared to reconsider. But I am not holding my breath.

We have far greater problems. The quality of the matches in this tournament has been abysmal. Why that should be so is probably not simple. The ball, altitude, vuvuzelas preventing players hearing what

is going on, cravenly defensive coaching tactics, fear of failure rather than seeking success, gambling syndicates betting on in game items rather than results, tiredness on the part of those who have been in long seasons of serious club games have all been mentioned as possible influences. The evening up of standards between countries, despite the Australian and North Korean scorelines, may also be relevant.

In the light of all that the referees don’t seem to me to be the main problem, except to the whingeing Australians, whom their leader has castigated. Not a good look if you are bidding to host a future World Cup. Did you notice that the estimable Craig Johnston was the only person to point out that Lucas Neill pulled down his opponent before the ball hit Harry Kewell on the arm! Neill should have been penalised and carded. But we got away with that one.

Let’s take the case of the ball which was

stopped by a Slovak defender on or behind the goal line. Several shots from different angles were played after the event but none from a position which gave a clear view of the ball, the player and the goal line, above all none from the a position above the corner flag looking along the line towards the player. There was one from behind the player but that was useless because his body was blocking all sight of the ball. That decision was at least as critical to the outcome of the game as Lampard’s phantom goal, but technology could provide no assistance. So everybody just got on with the game.

Even if there were a goal line camera it would have had to be on the relevant post to record the incident and there is no suggestion at the moment that they are planning two. If there were two, they might conflict. Then where would we be?

The result of improved technology in

cricket and tennis is to produce guestimate electronic images based on many parameters. Assuming for the moment that these can produce accurate tracking of the movement of the ball (which I do not accept) what happens is that there is a change in the locus of uncertainty from say around a foot (30 cm) to around an inch (2.5 cm). But that uncertainty remains and human beings, not the responsible official in the centre in the case of cricket, get to decide. It often takes several minutes to reach a conclusion. That is intolerable in football. Rugby league uses several sets of video images, where available, and these often provide inconclusive results, or ones where the height of the grass or the consistency of the paint on the line can affect the outcome. Again the time it takes is very significant.

The fundamental error of those who advocate the use of technology is their assertion that this will reduce the number of incorrect decisions. In some circumstances it might save us from one or two of the World Cup howlers in the England v Germany and Argentina v Chile games, but the majority of contentious decisions are not as clear cut and will not be by the use of ump-tween video replays from a variety of angles. This stems from the fact that the identical incident viewed from different angles can be interpreted in a variety of ways.

Take Juan’s headed first goal for Brazil against Chile for example. It was given as a goal, yet the pictures from one angle showed his team-mate Lucio, as the Americans would say, running interference for him, or as Australians would say he was shepherding an opponent. This is not allowed in football. From another angle it appeared that the Chilean ran into the back of Lucio, so it was his own fault. Should the goal have been disallowed? You could not settle this one by technology and you could not settle the argument about whether the goal should be disallowed easily. So thank goodness the referee’s decision as to matters of fact on the ground is final, and should remain so.

Lessons no-one will learn from this World Cup

By Con Stamocostas

One Loss and We Hate You
The manic and depressive nature of being an Australian football fan. One loss and all of a sudden Australia is a laughing stock and no-one really cares about football. One win and all of a sudden the nation is bursting with pride. Also notice that the Headline writers love using “We” and “Our” in front of the Socceroos when they win it gives us the feeling of community but lose and we will disown you like one of Pele’s or Maradonna’s kids born out of wedlock.

Courage and Pride A Cover For Losers
If your team is called courageous and the fans are filled with pride after your team gets knocked out of the World Cup then you are nothing but losers who dine on mediocrity. You should concentrate on the Commonwealth Games

Damn You 4-2-3-1
If your team plays with this system they are afraid to lose and if both teams are playing this system then its 90 minutes of midfield mediocrity a system that shackles teams, frustrates fans and gives analysts wet dreams. All this talk about tactics and team ideology is really all about moving one guy a little forwards and another guy a little backwards.

Socceroos Don’t Cry but Craig Foster and Les Murray do!
I would say that only Harry Kewell would have been well within his right to have a cry. All those laps and stretching and groin



That’s show business folks! Craig Foster adjusts his Whoopee cushion as Lazlo Murray tries to join up the dots.

rubbing and he only played less than 30 mins. Tim Cahill had a cry after he was sent off, and so did the whole nation. Craig Foster, Les Murray and the rest of us cried when we saw the Socceroos line up against Germany.

The A League is better than training in Europe
New Zealand showed that A League players were able to play at the World Cup. After months of well known coaches suggesting that it couldn’t be done. The Kiwi’s showed the world that they can run for 90 minutes and play effective Rugby style field position Football. Who cares if it doesn’t allow you win a game the point

is that the Kiwi’s could end up being the only undefeated team at this World Cup. If it so, it will be a football quiz question for the ages.

Losing 4-0 to Germany is Un-Australian
If you don’t say someone is Un-Australian at least 100 times in your Australian life you are Un-Australian.

Winning and Diving is South American
Those South Americans with their skills and deceitful playing tactics, I’m sorry but you can’t have one without the other. Diving is a skill, feigning injury is a skill,

and walking on and off the pitch next to a fair play flag with a straight face is an even bigger skill.

Australian Football Media are Mentalist Cry Babies
Watching Craig Foster lose it little by little with every game the Socceroos played was almost as enjoyable as the football. The suggestion that former captains should look at the team sheet and tactics prior to the game to make sure the team plays like Australians was a beauty. In fact it should be extended to fans and friends and wives and girlfriends of the players as well. Sort of like a leadership group in AFL get everyone in the change room prior to the

game and everyone takes a vote. Should we play with one striker? Hands up if Brett Holman should play.

A Crazy Maradona is better Than Most Sane Coaches.
Maradona has shown that all you need is love. He constantly gives his players kisses and bear hugs before, during and after games. Who doesn’t want a hug from a sweaty, bearded short man with two watches? Perhaps Pim should have hugged or kissed more. I know Harry needed a hug. But what kind of hug?

Me-Hug: The hug that the Socceroos were using leading up to the World Cup. With rumours of a split in the Socceroos camp the technique of wrapping your arms around yourself could have been the reason the Socceroos were dumped out in the group stage.

Custom-tailored Hug: This is the hug that Pim failed to use during the tournament. A high-quality hug that could have saved the Socceroos. It is used whenever a taller hugger hugs a smaller huggee.

Bear Hug: Maradona has been using this technique all tournament. The full body hug places the Hugger and huggee toe-to-toe and belly-to-belly. Feeling Mardona’s belly inspires the players. Since Maradona is god, touching belly of the gods gives the Argentine’s that divine help.

So learn and forget these lessons. You the tall Dutch guy at the back, I’m taking to you!!!

McDONALD'S KANGA CUP COMMENCES



Ngunawal Aboriginal leader, Matilda House, officially welcomes the teams, who will participate on the sacred land of the area.



South Australia's Adelaide City Juniors FC



The other Ronaldo: Ronald McDonald shows off his soccer skills in the 'Battle of the Mascots'.

By Russ Gibbs

Over 200 teams from across the nation and overseas will descend on the Nation's Capital this July for the 2010 McDonald's Kanga Cup.

Canberra has the honour of hosting the twentieth annual McDonald's Kanga Cup tournament which will also represent the eighteenth time that the city has hosted this prestigious event.

Since the first Kanga Cup in Canberra, in 1993, the competition has grown exponentially from seven age-groups playing for seven trophies up to a whopping sixteen age-groups playing for 25 trophies.

During this time several players have gone on to the professional game and have certainly made their mark.

Kofi Danning (Sydney FC) and Sean Ontong (Newcastle Jets) were both named as Player of the Tournament in the boy's under-12 section in

1999 and 2003 respectively with Danning going on to claim the same honour at under-15 level in 2005.

Another Kanga Cup participant now with Sydney FC, Sam Munro, was a Player of the Tournament at under-12 level in 2002 with Steven Lustica (Gold Coast United) an active participant throughout his Canberra playing days.

Moving our attention onto the girls' competition and as recently as 2006 Canberra United W-League player Ashleigh Sykes was named MVP of the under-15 section playing for Dubbo Devils. Sykes was following in the footsteps of her United team mates Jennifer Bisset (under-13) and Christine Walters (under-15) who were voted best in 2005 and Jenna Tristram (Brisbane Roar and Matildas under-20) who was a double MVP at under-14 and under-19 levels with Holiday Coast and Coffs Coast in 1999

and 2001.

Even Socceroo internationals Carl Valeri and James Troisi, who was on the books of English Premier League giants Newcastle United, did their bit on the fields of Canberra for the Kanga Cup cause.

Hani Sidasos, McDonald's ACT Licensee and spokesperson for McDonald's Licensee in the ACT region said "The Kanga Cup has gone from strength to strength since it started twenty years ago becoming one of the largest youth football competitions in the Southern Hemisphere.

McDonald's is proud to support the Kanga Cup and we hope it continues to be a highlight on the youth sporting calendar for many years to come and develop our future football stars of tomorrow," said Hani.



Belnorth Predators



Victoria's Green Gully Juniors



Matildas Elie Brush, Lydia Williams and Sally Shipard with Sydney FC's Kofi Danning and the A-League trophy.



South Korean representatives from Gin Sok PS, who also sang in the choir.

Sydney FC star at McDonald's Kanga Cup Opening Ceremony

Sydney FC superstar Kofi Danning and the Hyundai A-League Championship trophy were the star attractions at the Official Opening Ceremony of the 2010 McDonald's Kanga Cup which took place on at the AIS Arena yesterday.

Danning paraded trophy during the opening ceremony and was available for photographs and autographs before and after the kick-off of the Southern Hemisphere's biggest youth football festival. As well as bringing the glittering prize to Canberra, Sydney FC is providing a superb prize for the under-12 Player of the tournament. The winner of the 2010 Sydney FC U12 Player of the Tournament will receive a Sydney FC Bag, Hyundai A-League Champions T-Shirt and cap

with a Sydney FC ball signed by the Championship team!

The Opening Ceremony of the 2010 McDonald's Kanga Cup also featured the parade of competing teams, a welcome from the Ngunawal people, a traditional dance act from the Wiradju Echoes and appearances from Ronald McDonald himself as well as Jackaroo, the official mascot of the McDonald's Kanga Cup. Tournament Director Adam Castle was delighted by the Opening Ceremony. "The opening of the McDonald's Kanga Cup is always one of great excitement at the players, officials and supporters anticipate the action to come," Castle said.

"It's going to be a terrific tournament and a superb week. To have Kofi and the A-League trophy at the Opening Ceremony was a fantastic endorsement of the most popular football festival in the Southern Hemisphere."



Matildas and Canberra United's Lydia Williams, Ellie Brush and Ronald McDonald.



Canberra's very own Tuggeranong United.



New Zealand's Coast Spirit performs a haka for the 4,000 strong crowd.



PHOTOS: PAUL LAU



Cup holders on course for back-to-back titles

By Chris Correia

Floreat Athena has booked a spot in the Semi Finals of the 2010 State League Cup after the Cup holders breezed past Sorrento 3-0 at E&D Litis Stadium.

Midfielder Paul Vatistas, an own goal from Sorrento's Ryan Sheppard and a late penalty to Johnny Mirco sealed the victory to join Swan United, Stirling Lions and Armadale in the last four.

Floreat dominated the midfield battle, making it very difficult for Sorrento to attack in the final third and created far more chances over the 90 minutes.

Mario Marcinko scored both goals as Stirling Lions defeated Balcatta 2-0 in the Football West State League Cup quarter finals at Grindleford Reserve. The in-form striker bagged a goal in each half as his side cruised to a second away win over their local rivals in as many weeks.

Stirling hit the front within the opening five minutes when Ludo Boi played Marcinko in behind the Balcatta backline.

The young striker showed great poise to round the advancing Bobson Koroma before rolling the ball coolly into an empty net and added his second in the final quarter hour of play.

A quality second half hat-trick from

Matty Barlow has sent Armadale into the Semi Finals of the State League Cup.

After being reduced to 10 men on half time, Armadale showed their fighting qualities in the second half to brilliantly overturn a one-goal deficit with attacking football courtesy of the inspired Barlow.

The Reds were 1-0 down at the main break after Adrian Webster's goal, but came out firing in the second half, scoring three unanswered goals courtesy of Barlow before Rory Feely made it a nervous finish for Cockburn.

It turned out to be too little, too late as Armadale secured their second consecutive dramatic Cup win after



NEXT ROUND

Round 16

Sat 10 Jul 3PM Armadale v Sorrento

Alfred Skeet Oval

Sat 10 Jul 3PM Stirling Lions v Cockburn

City Macedonia Park

Sat 10 Jul 3PM Swan United v Floreat

Athena

Swan Italian Club

Sat 10 Jul 3PM Western Knights v Ingle-

wood United Nash Field

Sat 10 Jul 3PM Mandurah City v Balcatta

Hyundai Stadium

Sun 11 Jul 3PM Perth SC v ECU Joonda-

lup

BGC Stadium - Dorrien Gardens

DIVISION ONE LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Bunbury Forum Force	13	11	0	2	50	11	39	33
2 Bayswater City	13	10	0	3	45	17	28	30
3 Gosnells City	13	8	0	5	26	26	0	24
4 Wanneroo City	13	9	1	3	31	15	16	22
5 Forrestfield United	13	8	0	5	35	21	14	21
6 Dianella White Eagles	13	6	2	5	28	29	-1	20
7 Canning City	13	5	3	5	26	29	-3	18
8 Morley-Windmills	13	4	3	6	18	26	-8	15
9 Fremantle S	13	3	4	6	21	33	-12	13
10 Ashfield	13	2	1	10	28	42	-14	7
11 Rockingham City	13	3	0	10	13	42	-29	9
12 Queens Park	13	2	0	11	16	46	-30	6

knocking out Western Knights on penalties in the last round.

Swan United ended APB State Division One leaders Bunbury Forum Force's 2010 cup campaign, defeating them 3-1 in the State League Cup quarter final at Francis Street.

It was 1-1 at the break with James Sammut giving the home side the lead, before Patrick Quinn levelled in first-half injury time, but two second-half goals from Brendan Knox and David Perich earned United a spot in the semi-final draw.

United's James Sammut takes on Force defender Oliver McGee.

PHOTO: PETER SIMCOX

WA LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Western Knights	15	9	2	4	34	20	14	29
2 Stirling Lions	15	9	2	4	26	18	8	29
3 Floreat Athena	15	8	3	4	33	17	16	27
4 Perth SC	15	8	2	5	31	28	3	26
5 Sorrento	15	7	3	5	27	28	-1	24
6 ECU Joondalup	15	4	7	4	32	34	-2	19
7 Balcatta	15	5	2	8	27	33	-6	17
8 Mandurah City	15	5	2	8	25	33	-8	17
9 Inglewood United	15	5	2	8	19	29	-10	17
10 Cockburn City	15	4	4	7	25	27	-2	16
11 Armadale	15	4	4	7	22	27	-5	16
12 Swan United	15	3	5	7	16	23	-7	14

WA RESULTS

FOOTBALL WEST STATE LEAGUE

Cup - Quarter Finals

Results - Saturday 3 July 2010

First Team

Armadale 3 (Barlow 49, 60, 75)

Cockburn City 2 (Webster 35, Feely 77);

Balcatta 0

Stirling Lions 2 (Marcinko 5, 74);

Floreat Athena 3 (Vatistas 24, OG 42, Mirco 81p)
Sorrento 0;

Swan United 3 (Sammut 15, Knox 55, Perich 89)

Bunbury Forum Force 1 (Quinn 46).

Reserves

Armadale 4

Cockburn City 1;

Perth SC 2

Stirling Lions 1;

Floreat Athena 0
Sorrento 1;

Swan United 1

ECU Joondalup 1
(ECU won on penalties).

Under 18's

Armadale 0

Cockburn City 5;

Perth SC 5

Mandurah City 0;

Floreat Athena 1
Sorrento 2;

Swan United 0

Bunbury Forum Force 2.

Sermanni coaching session a great success

Football West's High Performance Centre Under 13 Girls were yesterday treated to a special ninety-minute training session conducted by Westfield Matildas coach Tom Sermanni.

The Women's national coach put the talented group through their paces with a series of drills before finishing up with a question and answer session with players and parents before signing autographs and having photographs with potential future Matildas.

Sermanni will be the special guest this evening at a Football West World Cup Celebration function before flying back to Sydney and preparing for next week's FFA National Youth Championships.

His three-day visit to Perth included presenting the Coff's Harbour-bound WA

Under 15 Girls and WA Under 17 Girls their kits, a visit to the WA Country High Schools competition and several meetings with WAIS and Department of Sport and Recreation officials to discuss women's football development programs.

"The girls were fantastic to work with and it is not hard to see why there is such a large amount of WA players playing in the Matildas," said Sermanni.

"Jessine (Bonzas) has done a marvellous job coaching these girls and the future is bright for them, with a number of this group already making the State team.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time coaching the girls and I hope they all continue to pursue their football dreams as uncovering the next Sam Kerr could be right around the corner."



Westfield Matildas coach Tom Sermanni addressing the Football West High Performance Centre Under 13 Girls. PHOTO: CHRIS CORREIA



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Bonnyrigg surge ahead, rivals stumble

By Mike Salter

Another polished win for the Bonnyrigg White Eagles has left them within an ace of claiming the 2010 NSW Premiership. Brian Brown's side beat Manly United comfortably at Cromer Park, 3-0 being the final score. The Serbian-backed club has now opened up a seven-point gap at the top of the table, with its two main rivals both suffering losses on a dramatic weekend.

A significant battle in the race for second place occurred at Lily Homes Stadium, where Blacktown City proved their resilience once again by beating fellow top-five side Marconi 3-1. A goal after two minutes set Aytex Genc's men on their way, and a dismissal for Marconi five minutes from time put a seal on matters.

In another key encounter, goals rained in at Leichhardt Oval as APIA-Leichhardt saw off ten-man Sydney United by the bizarre scoreline of 5-4. Details of that incredible match can be found below.

Elsewhere, Sutherland did superbly to come back from 2-0 down and a man down to snatch a 3-3 draw against Bankstown City at Jensen Park, while a late goal from Sydney Olympic was enough to secure the points against the West Sydney Berries in the "Greek derby". Rockdale City kept their slim hopes of a top-five finish alive with a dogged 1-0 win over the South Coast Wolves at home.

APIA-Leichhardt 5-4 Sydney Utd

An extraordinary game at Leichhardt Oval saw two teams in the hunt for the top five play out a nine-goal thriller.

The scoreboard was in action after only four minutes, when APIA's Robert Younis turned the ball aside for Nick Rizzo on the left and the former Liverpool junior thrashed an unstoppable left-footed shot into the top corner of the United goal.

A shell-shocked United allowed APIA to dominate in the succeeding minutes, but gradually the 2009 Premiers pulled themselves into the game, and served notice of their aggressive intent when Sean Mitchell had a shot on goal after 22 minutes, which required



FNSW weekend action as Rockdale City Suns beat South Coast Wolves 1-0.

PHOTO: CARLOS FURTADO/COURTESY FNSW

an alert save from Matthew Nash.

Two minutes later, however, the hosts went further in front. Younis forced his way into the box and was clumsily upended by Damon Collina; Younis was heading away from goal and the foul was a quite unnecessary one, but a penalty was instantly and correctly awarded. Younis himself took it, thumping the ball straight down the middle to put APIA 2-0 ahead.

On 27 minutes, United pulled a goal back with a set-piece reminiscent of Holland's winning goal against Brazil in the World Cup quarter-final; Mirjan Pavlovic's corner from the right was flicked on by a stooping Collina, and Elsid Barkhousir was left unmarked at the far post to nod home a rare headed goal.

Just after the half-hour, United missed a good chance to equalize when Mitchell Thompson's cross from the left was missed by a whisker by Luka Glavas. But then, shortly after Peter Markovic replaced Mitchell in a tactical switch by United, came the incident which changed the game.

Receiving a back-pass, United keeper Cem Akili was foolish enough to attempt to dribble past Younis. The APIA striker tackled the keeper and was readying himself to shoot when Akili flung out a leg to foul the opposition frontman. The ball crept beyond the far

post, but it did not matter: a penalty was awarded, and Akili was deservedly dismissed.

Substitute keeper Ryan Norval, who replaced Glavas, managed to reach Younis's second penalty of the afternoon with a dive to his left, but the striker followed up to knock the ball home with his right foot. 3-1.

United were lucky not to be reduced to nine a few minutes later when Thompson committed a horrible studs-up foul on Stephen Kayes. A yellow was all the United full-back received, and on 43 minutes the visitors gained an unexpected lifeline. Danial Cummins handled in the box after Markovic's neat ball had set Elsid Barkhousir free on the left, and the third penalty of the afternoon resulted. Veteran United skipper Joe Vrkic blasted it home, and the sides went into the sheds at 3-2.

Extraordinarily, United were level after only two minutes of the second period. Again Cummins handled, this time from Todd Brodie's free kick from the right, and again Vrkic confidently hammered the penalty home.

Very slowly, APIA pulled themselves together. A snap-shot from Franco Parisi hit the crossbar on 51 minutes, and ten minutes later a right-footed cross-shot from Anthony Hartshorn drifted wide of the United goal, as the hosts began

to make their numerical advantage count.

The shots started to rain on the United goal thereafter. Parisi miscued an overhead kick on 68 minutes, but just afterwards Hirofumi Moriyasu forced a marvellous save from Norval after finding space for himself on the edge of the box. The warning signs were there, and APIA duly went back in front on 71 minutes.

Rizzo crossed from the left, and Mark Byrnes moved up from right-back to head the ball against the post; Moriyasu was quickest to react, bundling the ball home off the underside of the bar.

On 79 minutes, it looked like APIA had made sure of the points, when a scoop over the top from Parisi was knocked back into the area by Moriyasu, for Younis to tap the ball home for his hat-trick.

But United weren't quite finished, and on 86 minutes they gave themselves a glimmer of hope when Markovic's excellent cross from the right was headed across Nash and in by Barkhousir. These two combined again two minutes later, Markovic cleverly releasing Barkhousir in the inside-right channel; this time, however, the United striker blazed his shot over the bar.

5-4 it ended, a tremendous afternoon's entertainment and a crucial win for APIA.

NSW LADDER

	P	W	L	Pts
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	19	12	5	41
Blacktown City FC	19	10	4	34
Sydney United	19	9	6	33
Marconi Stallions	19	10	3	33
APIA Leichhardt Tigers	19	9	3	30
Sutherland Sharks	19	8	4	28
Rockdale City Suns	19	5	11	26
Bankstown City	19	6	5	23
Sydney Olympic	19	5	3	18
Manly United FC	18	4	4	16
South Coast Wolves	19	4	4	16
West Sydney Berries	18	2	6	12

NSW RESULTS

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE: ROUND 19: FIRST GRADE:

Rockdale City Suns 1 (Saso Trajceviski 82) South Coast Wolves 0,

Manly United FC 0 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 3 (Nathan Elasi 43/45m Milorad Simonovic 62m),

Bankstown City Lions 3 (Richard Luksic 15m Own Goal 24m Andrew Mercuri 81m) Sutherland Sharks 3 (Neil Jablonski 69/82m Jim Bakis 70m),

APIA Leichhardt Tigers 5 (Nicola Rizzo 4m Robert Younis 25/35/78m Hirofumi Moriyasu 71m) Sydney United 4 (Elsid Barkhousir 28/83m Joseph Vrkic 44/48m),

Blacktown City FC 3 (Tolgay Ozbey 1/21/73m) Marconi Stallions 1 (Nathan Jagelman 63m),

West Sydney Berries 1 (G Trifiro 36m) Sydney Olympic 2 (James Monie 61m Todd Bamber 87m).

GRADE 20: Rockdale City Suns 3 South Coast Wolves 2, Manly United FC 3 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0, Bankstown City Lions 0 Sutherland Sharks 0, APIA Leichhardt Tigers 1 Sydney United 4, Blacktown City FC 0 Marconi Stallions 0, West Sydney Berries 1 Sydney Olympic 2. GRADE 18: Blacktown City FC 0 Marconi Stallions 1. RESCHEDULED GAME: ROUND 15: FIRST GRADE: Manly United FC 0 Rockdale City Suns 0.

NSW SUPER LEAGUE: ROUND 16: FIRST GRADE: Northern Tigers 0 FC Bossy Liverpool 1 (D Wilson 92m), Parramatta Eagles 0 Spirit FC 1 (J De Kelly 65m). GRADE 20: Northern Tigers 7 FC Bossy Liverpool 1, Parramatta Eagles 3 Spirit FC 2. RESCHEDULED GAMES: ROUND 10: GRADE 20: Central Coast Lightning 4 Macarthur Rams 1. ROUND 12: FIRST GRADE: Parramatta Eagles 3 Mt Druitt Town Rangers 0. GRADE 20: Parramatta Eagles 8 Mt Druitt Town Rangers 0.

DIVISION ONE: ROUND 16: FIRST GRADE: Inter Lions 2 (P Polistina 22m D DiMento 23m) Stanmore Hawks 2 (E Squillacioti 37m W Hijazi 39m), Hurstville ZFC 2 (S Kostanic 8m V Zoric 34m) UNSW 2 (L Davelaar 33m C Claridge 75m), Gladesville Ryde Magic 0 Hills Brumbies 2 (T Pannowitz 35m B Mitrovich 83m), Fairfield City Lions 3 (C Theodosiou 2m B Cronk 34m Y Ekinici 73m) Schofield Scorpions 2 (B Lam 56m L Boyd 71m), Camden Tigers 0 Blacktown Spartans 1 (T Macrae 43m). GRADE 20: Inter Lions 2 Stanmore Hawks 1, Hurstville ZFC 2 UNSW 1, Gladesville Ryde Magic 0 Hills Brumbies 0, Fairfield City Lions 2 Schofield Scorpions 2, Camden Tigers 1 Blacktown Spartans 1.

DIVISION TWO: ROUND 15: FIRST GRADE: Hurstville City Minotaurs 3 (M Sultan 29m A Obeid 43m M Di Meglio 62m) Roosters FC 1 (M Akca 67m), Fairfield Bulls 3 (K Elkerhani 39/63m A Ali-Khan 88m) Gazy Lansvale 1 (O Hamez 65m), Luddeham United 3 (M Wood 12m P Farac 64/70m) Hawkesbury City FC 1 (E George 35m), Fairfield Wanderers FC 3 (C Navarrete 29/87m Ahmed Khan 30m) Hakoah 0.

NEXT ROUND

Round 20

7pm Sat 17/Jul B'rigg White Eagles v Rockdale City Suns

Bonnyrigg Sports Club

7:30pm Sat 17/Jul Marconi Stallions v Manly Utd

Marconi Stadium

3pm Sun 18/Jul S'land Sharks v Blacktown City

Seymour Shaw Park

3pm Sun 18/Jul West Syd Berries v APIA

L'hardt Tigers

Sydney Olympic Athletic Centre

3pm Sun 18/Jul Sth Coast Wolves v Syd Olympic

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4pm Sun 18/Jul Syd Utd v Bankstown City

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Cougars Crushed, Fire march on

By Jarrod Ellis

Round 15 of the Hyundai QSL brought about a mixed bag of results. The competitions top two sides recorded comfortable victories whilst Bundaberg provided another surprise result and Whitsunday Miners and QAS fought their way to a draw that gave no great benefit to either side.

At Perry Park on Saturday night Brisbane hosted Capricorn Cougars; a match the home side would eventually win comfortably 5-1. Strikers' front men Matt Thurtell and Sean Burke would prove to be the main destroyers, each scoring a brace against a Cougars defence that struggled for prolonged periods of the match.

The opening fifteen minutes of the match saw little activity from either goalkeeper as both sides engaged in a fast paced physical contest. Brisbane eventually exerted their superior quality onto proceedings, taking greater control of the ball and forcing Cougars keeper Tim English into some necessary saves. It wasn't all one way traffic however, Fergus McIntosh and Tristan Fraser were standouts going forward for the Cougars but were unable to find that final touch as the Brisbane defence held firm.

The first goal of the match would arrive in the 38th minute and unsurprisingly it was Matt Thurtell who was the man to provide it. After being picked out with an excellent pass from Chay Hews, Thurtell was no time as he hit the ball into the upper right corner of English's net with his first touch.

1-0 was the score as the teams left the field for the end of the first half, neither side likely expecting the avalanche of goals that would arrive in the second forty-five.

The opening eight minutes proved to be a nightmare period of the match for Capricorn as they found themselves 3-0 down. Brisbane's second arrived courtesy of Michael Angus and Thurtell, the two combining well as Thurtell collected a pass from Angus that left him one-on-one with English. The young striker made no mistakes, placing the ball into the bottom left corner of the net.

Only three minutes later it was 3-0, but this time it was Sean Burke who found himself on the end of a defence splitting pass from Angus and facing the outstretched arms of Tim English.

At 3-0 down it was looking as though the match was over for Capricorn but they rallied immediately from kick-off. Cougars midfielder Anthony Hartnell collected an errant pass from the Brisbane defence before finding Thomas Evans unmarked in the area. Left with only Seb Usai to beat the winger retained his composure and slotted the ball into the net to give his side some hope of a result.

That hope would last until the 78th minute when Burke added his second of the night. Chay Hews found Burke lurking inside the Cougars' penalty area out wide to the left. Burke thought about dribbling around his defender but instead cut back inside to work the ball on to his preferred right foot before rifling a shot past English from fifteen yards.

The Cougars had a good opportunity inside the last ten minutes to hit back when a good through-ball put Michael Cay into the home side's penalty area but Usai, who had not had a great deal to do since the first half, produced a good save when it mattered, reacting low to his right to keep out



Brisbane Strikers player, Matt Thurtell, current Golden Boot leader with 15 goals, scored a brace on the weekend against the Capricorn Cougars. PHOTO: COURTESY FFO

Cay's shot.

As the game entered time added on Angus put a cap on a fine performance from himself and his team hitting a shot from the edge of the area that left English once again picking the ball out of the net.

In Bundaberg the Spirit continued their remarkable mid season turn around as they downed NQ Razorbacks 2-1, their first ever win against the Townsville side. The home side responded well to coach Richard Mitchell's urgings in mid-week to "keep it tight at the back", only conceding the one goal from youngster Michael Coppo in the 21st minute.

The Spirit have one of the louder crowds in the league and they were in full voice as their side chased a result in a second half that saw both sides spurn chances. They wouldn't be going home disappointed however as Ray Miller and Nick Fitzgerald each scored leaving Bundaberg 2-1 ahead with only ten minutes of regulation time remaining. That was how proceedings would come to a close and the Razorbacks will have gone back to Townsville ruing missed opportunities that ultimately saw them drop points in the race for a top two league finish.

The last meeting between QAS and Whitsunday Miners saw a 4-2 victory to the youngsters but this time, lady luck smiled on the Miners as they fared much better, grinding out a 2-2 draw. QAS had looked

well on their way to an important away victory thanks to goals from Lucka Jannese and Mich Cooper in either half but it was to be a frustrating night for the youngsters. Whitsunday first benefited from a piece of generosity from QAS as they put the ball into their own net, before Daniel Scotton converted a spot kick in the 74th minute to secure the draw. With both sides now well adrift of a top four place this wasn't a result that Troy Mundy or Darren Davies would have been hoping for, but with six games remaining there's still a slim chance either of these sides could be in action come September.

The final game of the round once again saw Sunshine Coast Fire in action, this time against FNQ Bulls who made the trip down from Mareeba to Stockland Park. The Bulls had proved tough opponents for the Fire previously this season but on this occasion the Fire were simply too good routing the visitors 4-1, the game seemingly over by half time.

Tyson Holmes, Ryan Delahunty and Shaun Blackman all got their names onto the scoresheet in the first forty-five as the Fire turned in a dominant performance. There was a glimmer of hope for FNQ when Josiah Rusch scored from the spot moments before half time but that was effectively put to bed when Greig Henslee added Sunshine Coast's fourth midway through the second half.



FNQ's Alex Plowman giving special treatment to Shaun Blackman, captain for the Fire. PHOTO: ROBYN WOODALL

LADDER										
	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	GD	Pts		
1 Sunshine Coast	15	13	1	1	45	21	24	40		
2 Brisbane Strikers	15	9	3	3	42	16	26	30		
3 NQ Razorbacks	15	8	2	5	27	16	11	26		
4 FNQ Bulls	15	7	1	7	32	33	-1	22		
5 QAS	13	4	2	7	28	36	-8	14		
6 Whitsunday Miners	14	3	4	7	22	28	-6	13		
7 Capricorn Cougars	14	3	2	9	15	31	-16	11		
8 Bundaberg Spirit	15	2	3	10	18	48	-30	9		

RESULTS										
Brisbane Strikers 5(Thurtell 38,50 Burke 53,78 Angus 91) v Capricorn Cougars 1(Evans 54)										
Bundaberg Spirit 2 (Miller 77, Fitzgerald 80) v NQ Razorbacks 1 (Coppo 27)										
Whitsunday Miners 2 (Own Goal, Scotton 74pen) v QAS 2 (Cooper 21, Jannese 58)										
Sunshine Coast 4 (Holmes 5, Delahunty 29, Blackman 36, Henslee 67) v FNQ Bulls 1 (Rusch 40pen)										

NEXT ROUND										
ROUND 16										
NQ Razorbacks v Brisbane Strikers										
Sat 10 July 7:30pm										
FNQ Bulls v Bundaberg Spirit										
Sat 10 July 8:00pm										
Capricorn Cougars v Whitsunday Miners										
Sun 11 July 2:00pm										
QAS v Sunshine Coast FC										
Sun 11 July 4:00pm										



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Gatorade Premier League Round 11 – Preview

By Russ Gibbs

After a weekend of inactivity the action recommences in the Gatorade Premier League with five fixtures across the nation's capital with Cooma Tigers and Canberra Olympic kicking off things on Saturday afternoon at Nijong Oval. Attention on Sunday switches to Kambah 2-1 where Tuggeranong United host league leaders Canberra FC, Riverside Stadium in Queanbeyan for the clash between Monaro Panthers and Goulburn Strikers, McKellar Park where Belconnen United are up against a resurgent Woden Valley and Hawker Football Centre for Canberra Olympic's home match with ANU FC.

Saturday 10th July 2010 Cooma Tigers v Canberra Olympic (Nijong Oval), kick off 15:00

Third place Cooma Tigers entertains Canberra Olympic at Nijong Oval on Saturday afternoon in what's sure to be a highly technical match between two teams who like to play football. The Tigers have been in resilient mood lately with a fantastic record that has seen them unbeaten in the competition since their Round 3 loss to Belconnen United at McKellar Park. Cooma continued their remarkable run of form last time out with a 3-1 defeat of ANU FC outplaying their opponents and scoring some excellent goals to put them third on the ladder and breathing down the necks of the Blue Devils. The win was the Tigers third on the bounce and has given them real momentum at a critical stage of the year. Canberra Olympic meanwhile have suffered a rather Jekyll and Hyde campaign with the Round 10 draw with Belconnen following a Round 7 draw with Canberra FC with those results sandwiching losses to Monaro Panthers and Woden Valley proving what a complex side Dean Ugrinic seems to have inherited. The absence of Ugrinic on international duty at the World Medical Games will see Lino Fiorese step into the breach with the ACTAS assistant having his work cut out to stop a resurgent Tigers outfit from claiming all three points. The performance of Andrew Ross in midfield and the finishing ability of Domenic Giampaolo are two pre-requisites if Olympic hope to win this one against a Cooma side that mixes silk with steel.

Sunday 11th July 2010 Monaro Panthers v Goulburn Strikers (Riverside Stadium), kick off 15:00

Two sides with aspirations of a top-four place line up against one another at Riverside Stadium on Sunday afternoon desperate to get back into the winner's circle on a regular basis. The Panthers improved their league position with a 2-1 win over Tuggeranong in Round 10 thanks to Nathan Walker's opportunistic finish whilst the Strikers were beaten 2-1 by Woden Valley at Hawker and need to start keeping the ball in critical areas and taking more of the chances that come their way if they are to make an impact at the top in the forthcoming weeks. The return of skipper Andrew Aliifi, badly missed in the loss to Woden, could be pivotal for the Strikers as they look to get back to the



Canberra City will hope to repeat the 2-1 scoreline it inflicted on ANU FC on the opening day of the season, when the two sides meet again this weekend. PHOTO: PAUL LAU

kind of form that wowed observers in the pre-season Project Co-ordination Federation Cup. Incredibly for a side that has the potential on their day to beat the best, as proved in their semi-final win over Belconnen United in the Federation Cup, the Strikers haven't tasted success on a regular basis since their Round 3 win over Canberra Olympic. Having played last weekend in a re-arranged clash with Canberra City, Goulburn head into this match sharp and ready whilst it remains to be seen what a week off will do for the Panthers. In their last meeting the Panthers kick started their league campaign with a 2-1 win at Cookbundoon and will therefore hold the slight psychological advantage.

Tuggeranong United v Canberra FC (Kambah 2-1), kick off 15:00

League leaders Canberra FC will be expected to emerge from their clash at Tuggeranong United on Sunday with all three points following an unbeaten start to 2010 that kicked off with an 11-1 thrashing of United in Round 1. However, Canberra FC might not find it so easy this time round with Tuggeranong's group of youngsters causing a few shocks around town with a stylish blend of youthful vigour and panache seeing the valley boys defeat Belconnen and ANU FC this term. The absence of talismanic striker Paul Ivanic, he scored five in the rout of United on the opening weekend of 2010, has been off-set by the form of Michael Spaleta with the burly striker having scored ten times in the Premier League this season putting him level at the top of the scoring charts with Belconnen United veteran Danny Macor. United possesses a young tyro of their own in the scoring stakes though with 17-year-old Alex Weber settling into life at the top

level like a duck to water and finding the net on an increasingly regular basis. With fellow teenagers Sam Turner and Andrew Lawrence also claiming a first grade shirt Tuggeranong is definitely looking to the future. All that aside though Stan Dukic knows that this is one fixture that his team is not only expected to win, but expected to win well. Kambah 2-1 has not been the best of grounds for Canberra FC in recent years with victories coming by narrow margins and Tuggeranong will go all out for a major upset.

Belconnen United v Woden Valley (McKellar Park), kick off 16:00

Woden Valley has managed back-to-back wins for the first time this season and thus enters their fixture at Belconnen in confident mood. The first meeting between the pair in Round 1 saw the Blue Devils edge the match 3-2, and by their own admission were fortunate to do so, but it's a new-look Woden outfit that will travel to McKellar Park with several key new signings on board and the Woden lads sensing an upset of the form book against the Blue Devils. Even without injured import Carlos Salazar Woden has looked a different team in recent weeks buoyed by the arrival of Ben Pagett and Daryll Hall and the emergence of Lachlan Nichols and Kehnan Walsh into first grade players of immense promise. The Blue Devils have, it's probably fair to say, hardly clicked into gear this term with the 6-1 trouncing of Monaro Panthers in Round 9 a rare appearance of a team that on its day is top quality. Danny Macor has rolled back the years in finding the net ten times to date I the Gatorade Premier League and with Dustin Wells beginning to show the kind of form expected of his undoubted quality Scott Conlon will be sitting a little more comfortably than in the early weeks of the campaign. Woden

will provide a tough task for the Blue Devils who will have to be on their game to break down an increasingly strong looking Woden defence but, despite that, the home team will be favourites.

Canberra City v ANU FC (Hawker Football Centre), kick off 16:00

After recording a brace of wins in a row it's been a disappointing last two outings for John Mitchell's troops who have been defeated by both Tuggeranong United (0-2) and Cooma Tigers (1-3) in vastly differing circumstances. ANU FC have struggled to adapt in recent weeks however do not have to look far back into the past to rekindle fond memories with wins over Goulburn Strikers and Monaro Panthers a far better indicator of what they can achieve in this competition. The talent of Tom Rogic is not in doubt and Mitchell's team will certainly rely on his exquisite skill to create chances for them at Hawker Football Centre. City have had injury concerns of late and come into this match having had to play last weekend whilst the rest of the competition took a mid-season siesta. Pat Caggiano has a Futsalroo international of his own to call upon in Pat Ross-Magee and his form could be critical for the home team. In the first encounter between these sides at ANU North Oval on the opening day of the season two goals in four minutes from David Dexter and Misko Naumoski turned a 0-1 deficit into a 2-1 win for Canberra City and they will be confident that they can at least replicate that feat in this match. A win for City would keep their top-four hopes alive whereas defeat for ANU FC would just about end their faint hopes of a finals place.

NEXT ROUND

- Round 11**
Sat 10 Jul KO 3pm
Cooma Tigers v Canberra Olympic
Nijong Oval
- Sun 11 Jul KO 3pm**
Monaro Panthers v Goulburn Strikers
Riverside Stadium
- Sun 11 Jul KO 3pm**
Tuggeranong Utd v Canberra FC
Kambah 2-1
- Sun 11 Jul KO 4pm**
Belconnen Utd v Woden Valley
McKellar Park
- Sun 11 Jul KO 4pm**
Canberra City v ANU FC
Hawker Football Centre

LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Canberra FC	10	7	3	0	36	6	+30	24
2 Belconnen United	10	6	2	2	26	15	+11	20
3 Cooma Tigers	10	5	3	2	19	11	+8	18
4 Monaro Panthers	10	5	1	4	15	17	-2	16
5 Canberra City	9	4	1	4	13	13	0	13
6 Canberra Olympic	10	3	3	4	10	13	-3	12
7 Goulburn Strikers	9	2	3	4	17	14	+3	9
8 ANU FC	10	3	0	7	11	32	-12	9
9 Woden Valley	10	3	0	7	11	26	-15	9
10 Tuggeranong United	10	2	2	6	12	31	-19	8

WPL LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Belwest Foxes	12	12	0	0	61	9	+52	36
2 Woden Valley	11	8	1	2	42	10	+32	24
3 Belconnen United	12	5	3	4	39	14	+25	18
4 Weston Creek	12	5	3	4	21	19	+2	18
5 Canberra FC	12	4	4	4	21	31	-11	16
6 Tuggeranong United	12	3	3	6	24	30	-6	12
7 ANU WFC	11	2	2	7	11	27	-16	8
8 Brindabella Blues	12	0	0	12	8	88	-80	0

ACT RESULTS

- LEADING SCORERS**
10 Danny Macor (Belconnen United), Michael Spaleta (Canberra FC)
7 Alex Castro (Canberra FC)
6 Dustin Wells (Belconnen United), Paul Ivanic (Canberra FC), Brody Willis (Goulburn Strikers)
5 Tai Smith (Belconnen United), Misko Naumoski (Canberra City), Sam Taylor (Goulburn Strikers), Goran Veljanovski (Monaro Panthers), Alex Weber (Tuggeranong United)
4 Adam Spaleta (Canberra FC), Daniel Gecic, Goran Josifovski (both Cooma Tigers), Nathan Walker (Monaro Panthers), Carlos Salazar (Woden Valley)
3 Tim Womack (ANU FC), David Dexter (Canberra City), John Glass (Canberra FC), Robbie Schroder (Canberra Olympic), Marcial Munoz (Cooma Tigers), Mark Shields (Tuggeranong United), Own Goals
2 Tom Rogic (ANU FC), Tim Mathas (Canberra City), Stephen Lee (Canberra FC), Trent Flanigan, Dominic Giampaolo (both Canberra Olympic), Scott Barsley, Jean-Pierre D'Ambrosio (both Cooma Tigers), Daniel Aliffi, Nicky Rogers (both Goulburn Strikers), Justin Selkirk (Monaro Panthers), Kehnan Walsh (Woden Valley)
1 Anthony Bekavac, Izach Clements, Nathan Evans, Ryan Jones, Mohsen Ravanparsa, Daniel Sparrow (all ANU FC), David Arranz, David Leet, Jason O'Dwyer, Cameron Reinhart (all Belconnen United), Simon Gemmell, Rob Perry, Obeid Shadmaan (all Canberra City), Yianni Karabalis, Andrew Ross (both Canberra Olympic), Ian Graham, Ivan Pavlak, Marcin Zygmunt (all Canberra FC), Tony Aleksovski, Serdan Bircan, Ian Elliott, Jair Wilk (all Cooma Tigers), Andrew Aliffi, Josh Phelps (both Goulburn Strikers), David Baillie, James Barac, Geoff Howarth, Ante Ruskan (all Monaro Panthers), Aaron Cashman, Martin Corujo, Matt Menser, Steve Oxford, (all Tuggeranong United), Bensah Afiabo, Kole Aitken, Steve Bowman, Lukas Cole, Daryll Hall, (all Woden Valley)

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MENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE SOUTH-EAST:
Dandenong Warriors 3 (T Zaire 2) Parkmore 3 (C Ciccekdag 2), Ringwood City 1 (T Psimaris) Old Mentonians 0, Caulfield Grammarians 0 Harrisfield Hurricanes 2 (D Mayne A Bucci), Middle Park FC 5 (M Roberts 3 G Mckenna) Endeavour Hills 0, Reserves: Dandenong Warriors 4 Parkmore 2, Ringwood City 2 Old Mentonians 4, Caulfield Grammarians 1 Harrisfield Hurricanes 1, Middle Park FC 12 Endeavour Hills 1

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 1:
Bayswater Strikers Ballarat & District, Reserves: Bayswater Strikers Ballarat Lady Devils

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 NORTH-WEST:
Western Suburbs 0 Cairnlea 1 (D Mutuel)

WOMENS STAE LEAGUE DIV 3 NORTH-WEST:
Brunswick Zebras 4 Keilor Park 3, Diamond Valley Utd 2 (KA Portz) Eltham Redbacks 1 (KM Hodgson)

WOMENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE NORTH-WEST:
Brunswick Zebras 0 Brunswick City 8, Tullamarine Jets 1 Watsonia Heights 1 (G Cahill)

WOMENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE SOUTH-EAST:
Mooroolbark 2 Skye Utd 1

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 2 SOUTH-EAST:
Old Camberwell Grammar 3 Old Melburnians 3

MENS MASTERS NORTH-WEST:
Heidelberg Utd 2 Banyule City 3,

MENS MASTERS SOUTH EAST:
White Star Dandenong 4 Glen Waverley 2, Doveton 4 Southern Suburbs 2

MENS MASTERS CENTRAL:
Ashburton 2 South Yarra 1

Mens Metropolitan League North-West
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Moreland Wolves 12 8 2 2 28 12 26
Tullamarine Jets 12 7 3 2 28 15 24
Heidelberg Stars 12 6 3 3 21 18 21
Altona North 12 4 5 3 26 24 17
Light Utd 12 4 4 4 19 20 16
Oak Park 12 5 6 1 32 18 14
Yarra Jets 12 3 4 5 19 24 13
Northern Utd 12 2 3 7 14 23 9
Keon Park 12 2 2 8 21 43 8
Ascot Vale 12 1 4 7 12 23 6

Mens Metropolitan League North-West Reserves
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Light Utd 12 8 2 2 40 21 26
Northern Utd 12 8 1 3 35 22 25
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Mens Metropolitan League South-East
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Ringwood City 11 4 2 5 16 27 14
Parkmore 9 4 1 4 16 15 13
Old Mentonians 8 3 3 2 16 11 12
Caulfield Grammarians 11 2 3 6 14 21 9
Endeavour Hills 11 2 2 7 18 24 8
St Kevins 10 2 2 6 17 29 8

Mens Metropolitan League South-East Reserves
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Caulfield Grammarians 11 1 2 8 17 35 5

Womens State League Div 1
P W D L F A PT
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Doncaster Rovers 10 7 2 1 28 9 23
Ballarat & District 9 6 2 1 28 9 20
Uni. of Melbourne 10 6 0 4 27 17 18
Bayswater Strikers 9 6 0 3 28 21 18
Monbulk 10 4 3 3 14 11 15
South Springvale 10 4 0 6 22 20 12
Whitehorse Utd 10 2 2 6 19 31 8
Brighton 10 1 1 8 7 37 4
South Yarra 10 0 0 10 4 50 0

Womens State League Div 1 Reserves
P W D L F A PT
Doncaster Rovers 10 10 0 0 40 0 30
Bundoora Utd 10 8 1 1 41 5 25
South Springvale 10 5 2 3 18 15 17
Uni. of Melbourne 10 4 4 2 27 13 16
Bayswater Strikers 9 5 0 4 29 21 15
Monbulk 10 4 3 3 16 14 15
Brighton 10 1 5 4 9 24 8
Whitehorse Utd 10 2 1 7 12 27 7
Ballarat Lady Devils 9 1 1 7 5 21 4
South Yarra 10 0 1 9 3 60 1

Womens State League Div 2 North-West
P W D L F A PT
Cairnlea 10 8 2 0 39 7 26
La Trobe University 10 8 0 2 32 9 24
FC Bulleen Lions 10 7 2 1 29 6 23
Western Eagles 10 7 1 2 42 8 22
North Geelong Warriors 10 6 0 4 25 9 18
Fawkner 10 3 1 6 18 25 10
Western Suburbs 10 3 1 6 11 23 10
Darebin Falcons 10 3 1 6 17 34 10
Whittlesea Ranges FC 10 0 1 9 9 47 1
Melbourne Bears 10 0 1 9 3 57 1

Womens State League Div 2 South-East
P W D L F A PT
Sandringham 10 7 3 0 27 6 24
Albert Park 10 6 1 3 34 12 19
Southern Suburbs 10 5 2 3 17 15 17
Mornington 10 4 3 3 12 14 15
Berwick City 10 4 1 5 26 17 13
Ashburton 10 3 4 3 14 16 13
Noble Park 10 4 1 5 22 27 13
Mooroolbark 10 3 2 5 11 24 11
Monash University 10 1 4 5 15 22 7
North Caulfield 10 2 1 7 14 39 7

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Mooroolbark 10 3 2 5 11 24 11
Monash University 10 1 4 5 15 22 7
North Caulfield 10 2 1 7 14 39 7

Boys South 12 A: Mornington Peninsula , Doveton 1
Berwick City 7, Dandenong City Dandenong Thunder

Boys South 13 A: Dandenong City Doveton

Boys South 14 A: Hampton Park Utd 4 Peninsula 0, South Eastern Piranhas 5 Dandenong Thunder 0

Boys South 15 A: Doveton 0 Dandenong Thunder 1

Boys South 15 B: Mornington 3 Baxter 0, James Cook FC 2 Langwarrin 6

Boys South 16 A: Mornington White Star Dandenong

Boys West 14 C: Satellite City Utd Williamstown , Western Eagles 1 Altona City 0

Boys West 15 A: GRFA Ballarat Academy of Soccer

Boys West 16 A: Altona East Phoenix 2 Sunshine Heights 1

Girls Central - North East - East 18: Richmond 4 Knox City 0, Whitehorse Utd 2 3 Yarra Jets 0

Girls North West 12 A: Ashburton 3 Bundoora Utd 2

Girls South East - South 18 : Springvale White Eagles 1 Brighton 7, Hampton Park Utd 10 Langwarrin 1

Girls South East 12 A: Sherbrooke Rangers Ringwood City , Peninsula 2 North Caulfield 0

Girls South East 12 B: Waverley Victory 1 Sandringham 6, Casey Panthers 5 Brighton 1

Girls Central - North East - East 13-14 B: Glen Waverley 0 Croydon City Arrows 2

Girls Central - North East - East 15-16 A: Mooroolbark Ashburton

Girls South East - South 15-16 A: Mornington Peninsula

GirlsSouthEast-South15-16B:MorningtonCaseyPanthers

Girls West - North West - North 13-14 B: Brunswick Zebras 2 Cairnlea 3

EastSSF Boys 11 Joeys (Sat): Glen Waverley 2 Montrose

North East SSF Boys 11 Joeys (Sun): Eltham North 2 1 Ashburton 2 5

North SSF Boys 11 Joeys (Sun): Northcote City 6 Watsonia Heights 1

South East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sat): Brighton 2 0 Sandringham City 1 0, Doveton 8 Hampton 1

Boys 18
P W D L F A PT
North Caulfield 10 8 1 1 36 14 25
GRFA 11 7 2 2 44 19 23
Whittlesea Zebras 11 6 3 2 28 19 21
Melbourne Phoenix 10 7 0 3 24 16 21

Womens State League Div 3 North-West
P W D L F A PT
Keilor Park 10 9 0 1 67 18 27
Yarra Jets 10 8 1 1 35 13 25
Brunswick Zebras 10 6 3 1 23 13 21
Diamond Valley Utd 10 6 3 1 29 17 19
Eltham Redbacks 10 4 1 5 23 19 13
Sunshine George Cross 10 4 1 5 20 18 13
Melton 10 4 1 5 12 25 13
Old Carey 10 3 0 7 18 38 9
Kyneton District 10 2 0 8 9 38 6
Maribyrnong Utd 10 0 0 10 7 44 0

Womens State League Div 3 South-East
P W D L F A PT
Seaford Utd 10 8 1 1 50 5 25
Box Hill Inter 10 7 1 2 47 11 22
South Melbourne 10 6 2 2 37 19 20
Langwarrin 10 5 4 1 35 9 19
Croydon City Arrows 10 6 1 3 23 13 19
Ashburton 10 3 1 6 26 30 10
Knox City 10 2 4 4 15 22 10
Endeavour Utd 10 3 1 6 19 36 10
Beaumaris 10 1 1 8 18 59 4
East Bentleigh 10 1 0 9 7 73 3

Womens Metropolitan League North-West
P W D L F A PT
Brunswick City 10 10 0 0 84 7 30
Fitzroy City 10 7 2 1 32 6 23
Mitchell Rangers 10 6 2 2 27 8 20
Brunswick Zebras 10 6 0 4 41 27 18
Melbourne Knights 10 5 2 3 35 13 17
Watsonia Heights 11 5 1 5 22 27 16
Plenty Valley Lions 10 4 0 6 14 31 12
Tullamarine Jets 11 3 1 7 22 32 10
Yarra Jets 10 1 0 9 12 59 3
Northern Roosters 10 0 0 10 2 81 0

Womens Metropolitan League South-East
P W D L F A PT
Berwick City 10 10 0 0 63 9 30
Dandenong City 10 8 0 2 58 14 24
Kingston City 10 6 2 2 26 13 20
Endeavour Hills 10 5 1 4 36 15 16
Eltham Redbacks 10 4 2 4 15 22 14
Mooroolbark 10 4 2 4 14 24 14
Skye Utd 10 3 1 6 9 35 10
Sandringham 10 3 1 6 14 49 10
Croydon City Arrows 10 2 1 7 13 30 7
Monash University 10 0 0 10 3 40 0

Womens Metropolitan League Central
P W D L F A PT
Sandringham 10 8 1 1 28 12 25
Sydenham Park 10 8 0 2 41 12 24
Whittlesea Zebras 10 6 3 1 24 9 21
Uni. of Melbourne 10 5 1 4 19 15 16
Bayside Argonauts 10 4 0 6 26 27 12
Port Melbourne 10 3 2 5 8 20 11
Monash University 10 3 2 5 10 26 11
Elwood City 10 2 2 6 10 17 8
Albert Park 10 2 2 6 7 25 8
Swinburne University WSC 10 1 3 6 11 21 3

Mens Thirds League Div 1
P W D L F A PT
Cleeland Utd 10 8 2 0 28 9 26
South Yarra 10 7 2 1 48 10 23
Kyneton District 10 6 3 1 24 9 21
Altona Lions 10 6 0 4 28 24 18
Marcellin Old Collegians 10 4 2 4 23 28 14
La Trobe University 10 4 0 6 33 38 12
Doveton 10 3 2 5 14 20 11
Juventus Old Boys 10 3 2 5 22 34 11
Monash University 10 1 1 8 15 28 4
Southern Suburbs 10 0 2 8 8 43 2

Mens Thirds League Div 1
P W D L F A PT
Malvern City 12 5 0 7 26 34 15
Bentleigh Greens 9 4 1 4 17 21 13
Brunswick Zebras 9 3 0 6 20 26 9
Dandenong City 8 3 0 5 23 32 9
Springvale White Eagles 12 3 0 9 17 33 9
Fawkner 10 0 3 7 15 36 3

Boys 18 Central - Northern
P W D L F A PT
South Melbourne 8 7 1 0 42 9 22
Sunshine George Cross 8 6 1 1 33 11 19
Carlton Youth 8 3 2 3 23 16 11
Northern Utd 8 3 2 3 16 11 11
Whittlesea Ranges FC 7 3 1 3 11 11 10
Pascoe Vale 8 2 2 4 11 20 8
Heidelberg Stars 8 2 1 5 15 24 7
Port Melbourne 7 0 0 7 10 47 0

Boys 18 Eastern- Northern
P W D L F A PT
Sherbrooke Rangers 9 9 0 0 57 9 27
Doncaster Rovers 9 8 0 1 37 10 24
Manningham 10 6 0 4 42 14 18
Glen Waverley 9 6 0 3 24 21 18
DOC Utd 10 4 0 6 21 21 12
Whitehorse Utd 8 2 0 6 12 34 6
Ashburton 9 1 1 7 11 52 4
Ringwood City 10 0 1 9 11 54 1

Boys 18 Purple
P W D L F A PT
FC Bulleen Lions 10 8 2 0 30 14 26
South Melbourne 10 8 0 2 26 11 24
Richmond 10 7 1 2 30 9 22
Sunshine George Cross 10 5 2 3 21 13 17
Dandenong Thunder 10 3 3 4 16 18 12
Green Gully Cavaliers 10 3 2 5 20 16 11
Heidelberg Utd 10 2 4 4 15 21 7
Northcote City 10 1 4 5 18 36 7
Altona Magic 10 1 3 6 11 28 6
Oakleigh Cannons 10 0 3 7 11 32 3

Boys 18 South-East - Eastern
P W D L F A PT
Oakleigh Cannons 10 7 3 0 37 10 24
Southern Suburbs 10 7 0 3 32 8 21
Eastern Lions 10 6 2 2 30 16 20
Bentleigh Greens 10 6 1 3 38 14 19
Brighton 10 5 2 3 34 17 17
Riversdale 10 5 2 3 27 17 17
FC Bulleen Lions 10 5 0 5 51 17 15
East Bentleigh 10 2 0 8 17 53 6
Manningham 10 1 2 7 15 31 5
Bayside Argonauts 10 0 0 10 2100 0

Boys 18 Southern
P W D L F A PT
Frankston Pines 10 8 1 1 40 10 25
Casey Comets 10 8 0 2 33 9 24
Bayside Knights 10 6 2 2 43 19 19
South Eastern Piranhas 10 6 2 2 37 17 19
Berwick City 10 6 0 4 28 17 18
Endeavour Utd 10 4 1 5 27 21 13
Springvale City 10 4 0 6 24 34 12
Brandon Park 10 3 0 7 23 37 9
Peninsula 10 2 0 8 29 50 6
Baxter 10 0 0 10 9 79 0

Mens Thirds League Div 2 North-West
P W D L F A PT
Brunswick City 10 7 3 0 33 8 24
Mitchell Rangers 10 7 2 1 22 6 23
La Trobe University 10 7 1 2 19 12 22
Glenroy 10 6 0 4 24 16 18
Melbourne University 10 4 3 3 17 13 15
Keilor Park 10 3 2 5 24 25 11
Morland City 10 3 2 5 12 17 9
Collingwood City 10 2 2 6 19 29 8
Upfield 10 1 2 7 14 29 5
Essendon Utd 10 1 2 7 8 37 5

Mens Thirds League Div 2 South-East
P W D L F A PT
Caulfield Grammarians 10 7 2 1 31 23 23
Bayside Argonauts 9 7 1 1 22 7 22
South Yarra 10 6 3 1 23 10 21
Old Melburnians 9 3 5 1 19 16 14
Boroondara Eagles 10 4 2 4 15 17 14
Berwick City 9 4 0 5 20 25 12
Nunawading City FC 10 2 2 6 25 31 8
Central Park AC Malvern 10 2 1 7 19 29 7
Old Scotch 10 2 1 7 13 23 7
Old Camberwell Grammar 9 1 3 5 20 26 6

Mens Thirds League Div 3 North-West
P W D L F A PT
Werribee City 10 6 3 1 31 16 21
Northcote City 10 6 2 2 43 25 20
Plenty Valley Lions 10 6 1 3 26 21 19
Lalor 10 6 1 3 25 22 19
Kyneton District 10 5 2 3 23 15 17
Hoppers Crossing 10 3 4 3 27 22 13
Uni. of Melbourne 10 3 1 6 17 20 10
Melbourne Lions 10 4 0 1 6 15 23 10
Melton 10 2 1 7 10 37 7
La Trobe University 10 2 0 8 17 33 6

Mens Thirds League Div 3 South-East
P W D L F A PT
Old Haileybury 10 8 0 2 34 7 24
Riversdale 10 8 0 2 35 21 24
Brandon Park 10 7 1 2 36 10 22
RMIT Redbacks 10 6 0 4 40 19 18
Central Park Rangers 10 6 0 4 20 16 18
Melbourne University 10 4 0 6 20 40 12
Monash University 10 3 1 6 21 20 10
Old Melburnians 10 2 1 7 21 32 7
Old Trinity Grammarians 10 2 1 7 11 49 7
Bayside Argonauts 10 1 2 7 13 37 5

Mens Thirds League Div 4 North-West
P W D L F A PT
Altona City 9 8 1 0 40 7 25
Brimbank Stallions 8 7 0 1 25 8 21
Kyneton District 9 6 0 3 25 17 18
Cairnlea 9 5 1 3 35 21 16
Diamond Valley Utd 9 5 0 4 17 22 15
Williamstown 9 3 2 4 22 30 11
Uni. of Melbourne 9 2 3 4 24 22 9
Eltham Redback FC 10 2 1 7 18 34 7
Watsonia Heights 9 0 0 9 5 41 0

Mens Thirds League Div 4 South-East
P W D L F A PT
South Yarra 9 8 1 0 40 7 25
Beaumaris 8 7 0 1 25 8 21
Caulfield Cobras 9 6 0 3 25 17 18
Ashburton 9 5 1 3 35 21 16
Marcellin Eagles 10 4 4 2 24 23 17
Monash University 10 4 2 4 26 22 14
Old Melburnians 10 3 3 4 19 22 12
Elwood City 10 2 1 7 17 29 7
Old Scotch 10 1 2 7 12 28 5
RMIT Redbacks 10 0 1 9 8 39 1

Boys 18 Western - Northern
P W D L F A PT
Essendon Royals 10 9 0 1 41 16 27
Ballarat & District 10 7 1 2 47 10 22
Keilor Park 10 6 2 2 44 12 20
Moreland Utd 10 6 1 3 33 14 16
Altona City 10 4 1 5 28 16 13
Moreland City 10 4 1 5 19 21 13
Brimbank Stallions 10 4 0 6 20 38 12
Werribee City 10 3 2 5 28 22 11
Brunswick City 10 3 0 7 25 42 9
Bacchus Marsh 10 0 0 10 3 96

Monday 5th July 2010

Villa 4 d Millicent 2
Goal scorers: Villa - B Harris 2, A Beck, L Horrigan
Millicent - N Lambert, J O'Loughlin

High Flying Eagles open 6-point gap

By Andrew Fisher

With the majority of the VPL having a week break, State One took centre state on Friday night with a bumper crowd witnessing North Geelong put St Albans Saints to the sword in the Croatian Derby, with a convincing 3-0 win at Elcho Park.

Reardo Luka, Robert Zadworny and Daniel Dragicevic the goal scorers for the promotion aspiring Warriors who snapped a two game losing streak with the win and stay within reach of a top two finish. St Albans have lost one game less then their opponents, but now find themselves six points behind due to a whopping seven draws for the season, a huge second have of the season is required if the Saints are to push for a top two finish.

Saturday action got underway, with the relegation threatened Clifton Hill earning a valuable point against third placed Fawkner Blues at CB Smith Reserve. Sam Tyrikos opened the scoring for Clifton Hill early in the second half, before a last gasp 89th minute goal from Ridvan Saglam saved a point for the Blues. The point moves Clifton Hill to within two points of tenth placed Malvern City, whilst the Blues trail second placed Langwarrin by just one point, setting up a massive clash next week when the take on Langwarrin.

The other Saturday game saw league leaders Springvale easily dispose of lowly Malvern City by four goals to nil, the third week in a row that Malvern have conceded four or more in a game. The game was over as a contest as Springvale burst out of the blocks to take a 3-0 into half time, before adding a fourth in the second half. Nikola Veljovic and Kruno Stanisic got on the scoresheet, whilst Nenad Pavasovic netted a brace. Springvale hold a six point lead over second placed Langwarrin and it would be hard to bet against them from winning promotion this season. Malvern need to stop the flow of opposition goals, which has seen them concede 13 goals in the past three games. They currently sit just two points clear of the bottom two.

Only two points separated Whittlesea Zebra's and Bulleen Lions before their clash on Sunday at Epping Stadium, and little separated them after the game as Bulleen's Anthony Magnacca cancelled out Simon Toli's first half strike to share the points between the teams. The Zebra's have now failed to win a game in their past five matches, and will need to turn around their form if they are to push for a promotion spot. The Lions hold onto forth position and trail second placed Langwarrin by four points.

Langwarrin hold onto second spot by just a point, as they grinded out a hard fought 0-0 draw away to Western Suburbs who have only lost once at home. Langwarrin who are on a five match unbeaten run are desperately holding onto the second promotion position from a host of opposition teams, one of

those being the Fawkner Blues who they meet at home next Saturday in the match of the round. The Western Suburbs are just four points from a promotion position, and a strong second half to the season may see them push for a top two finish.

The surprise of the round was no doubt Preston holding Pascoe Vale to a 0-0 draw at BT Connor Reserve. The hapless Lions earned just their second point of the season, and Pascoe Vale will do doubt be very disappointed in failing to take all three points in this game. The draw sees Pascoe Vale remain in seventh position and six points off second place. Whilst the Lions may have a renewed sense of confidence, a miracle is still required if they are to bridge the seven point gap between themselves and Malvern City, but could this be the start of a Preston revival.



High fives from scorer Kruno Stanisic and captain Tome Racunica after one of Springvale White Eagles four goals against Malvern
PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON



Springvale White Eagles' Kruno Stanisic and Malvern City's Brian Jacobsen are both off balance in their battle for the ball. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON



The Warriors celebrate Robert Zadworny's goal in the 3-0 derby win over the Saints.
PHOTO: STEVE STAREK



The Tom Dunn cheer squad was out in full force on Friday night at the derby between the Warriors ans the Saints. PHOTO: STEVE STAREK

SL1 RESULTS

North Geelong Warriors 3
(RA Luka R Zadworny)
St Albans Saints 0

Fawkner Blues 1 (R Saglam)
FC Clifton Hill 1 (S Tyrikos)

Malvern City 0
Springvale White Eagles 4
(N Veljovic N Pavasovic 2 K Stanisic)

Whittlesea Zebras 1 (S Toli)
FC Bulleen Lions 1 (A Magnacca)

Preston Lions 0
Pascoe Vale 0

Western Suburbs 0
Langwarrin 0

Under 21s:
North Geelong Warriors 2 St Albans Saints 0, Fawkner Blues 1 FC Clifton Hill 3, Malvern City 2 Springvale White Eagles 2, Western Suburbs 3 Langwarrin 2, Whittlesea Zebras 3 FC Bulleen Lions 0, Preston Lions 0 Pascoe Vale 2

SL1 NEXT ROUND

Round 13
FC Clifton Hill v Whittlesea Zebras
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Sat 10 Jul 10 3:00PM

Langwarrin v Fawkner Blues
Lawton Park Reserve
Sat 10 Jul 10 3:00PM

Pascoe Vale v Western Suburbs
Hosken Reserve
Sat 10 Jul 10 3:00PM

Springvale WE v Nth Geelong Warriors
White Eagles Stadium
Sat 10 Jul 10 3:00PM

St Albans Saints v Preston Lions
Churchill Reserve
Sun 11 Jul 10 3:00PM

FC Bulleen Lions v Malvern City
Veneto Social Club
Mon 12 Jul 10 8:30PM

SL1 LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Springvale White Eagles	12	9	2	1	29	13	29
Langwarrin	12	7	2	3	26	18	23
Fawkner Blues	12	6	4	2	17	13	22
FC Bulleen Lions	12	5	4	3	22	11	19
North Geelong Warriors	12	5	4	3	19	9	19
Western Suburbs	12	5	4	3	20	13	19
Pascoe Vale	12	5	2	5	16	15	17
Whittlesea Zebras	12	5	2	5	18	19	17
St Albans Saints	12	3	7	2	24	21	13
Malvern City	12	3	0	9	9	33	9
FC Clifton Hill	12	2	1	9	15	26	7
Preston Lions	12	0	2	10	8	32	2

SL1 U21 LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Geelong Warriors	12	8	3	1	26	8	27
FC Bulleen Lions	12	8	2	2	24	11	26
Langwarrin	12	7	2	3	24	15	23
Springvale White Eagles	12	6	2	4	21	17	20
Western Suburbs	10	6	1	3	21	20	19
Pascoe Vale	12	6	0	6	28	21	18
Whittlesea Zebras	11	5	3	3	20	15	18
St Albans Saints	12	5	1	6	19	18	13
Malvern City	12	2	3	7	17	31	9
FC Clifton Hill	11	2	3	6	12	27	9
Preston Lions	12	2	2	8	19	27	8
Fawkner Blues	12	1	2	9	6	27	5

Victorian State & Provisional Leagues - Round 12

All matches to be played on Saturday 10th July
with 3pm KO unless otherwise stated.

Provi SE 3
Noble Park v Keysborough
Norman Luth Reserve
Old Trinity Grammarians v East Bentleigh
Trinity Sports Ground
Rowville Eagles v Essendon Royals
Park Ridge Reserve
Seaford Utd v Manningham
North Seaford Reserve
White Star Dandenong v Eltham Redbacks
Greaves Reserve
Brighton v Glen Waverley FC
Dendy Park

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The second intake of players has commenced for mid July (term 3). The two 15 session semesters will entail a high performance curriculum designed specifically for the player identified with the potential to represent the sport at state and national junior and senior levels. A highly unique and

well planned calendar of events, competitions, tours, matches and training sessions will provide players with a professionally structured regimen that will undoubtedly nurture and further develop their Futsal abilities.

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- Biomechanic evaluation of all technical aspects of player performance

- Regular counseling, lectures, handouts and advisory services will be offered within the program on issues of a technical and tactical nature, matters of psychological and physical concern, player management issues in regards to injuries, recovery and treatment, event preparation, sponsorship and nutrition

- Training Methods and Principles pertinent to the development of the energy systems of the body and its aerobic and anaerobic capacities, relevant muscles used in Futsal, a variety of specific Futsal skills and decision making options as well as the mental qualities required for FUTSAL, will be part of the weekly training session.

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S-League										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts		
1 Melbourne Uni FC	8	6	0	2	49	19	30	18		
2 FC Collingwood	7	5	0	2	52	27	25	15		
3 Elsternwick FC	8	5	0	3	40	44	-4	15		
4 Doncaster FC	7	4	0	3	32	21	11	12		
5 FC Melbourne	8	4	0	4	39	33	6	12		
6 FC Maribyrnong	7	4	0	3	31	36	-5	12		
7 CF Brunswick	8	4	0	4	38	46	-8	12		
8 FC Geelong	8	2	0	6	33	34	-1	6		
9 FC Balwyn	7	0	0	7	22	76	-54	0		

Round 9 Results June 27										
•7:40 CF Brunswick v FC Balwyn 9 - 0										
•8:20 Elsternwick FC v FC Geelong 4 - 3										
•9:00 FC Collingwood v FC Melbourne 6 - 4										
•9:40 FC Maribyrnong v Doncaster FC 5 - 3										
•Bye Melbourne Uni FC v Bye										

Round 10 Clashes										
•7:40 Elsternwick FC v FC Melbourne										
•8:20 FC Geelong v FC Maribyrnong										
•9:00 Doncaster FC v FC Balwyn										
•9:40 FC Collingwood v Melbourne Uni FC										
•Bye CF Brunswick v Bye										

V-League										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts		
1 Fitzroy FC	10	8	1	1	56	39	17	25		
2 Metropolitan FC	10	6	2	2	83	61	22	20		
3 Nth Melbourne FC	10	6	1	3	55	40	15	19		
4 Pascoe Vale FC	10	6	1	3	64	51	13	19		
5 Ashburton FC	10	6	0	4	57	54	3	18		
6 Hume FC	10	5	1	4	47	42	5	16		
7 FC Prahran	10	4	2	4	45	47	-2	14		
8 FC Essendon	10	3	3	4	56	50	6	12		
9 Mickleham FC	10	3	1	6	46	55	-9	10		
10 Brimbank FC	10	2	3	5	53	48	5	9		
11 Albert Park FC	10	2	1	7	43	54	-11	7		
12 FC Carlton	10	1	0	9	31	95	-64	3		

Round 10 Results June 30										
•6:30 Ashburton FC v Fitzroy FC 4 - 8										
•7:15 Mickleham FC v Pascoe Vale FC 8 - 10										
•8:00 Nth Melbourne v Metropolitan FC 5 - 9										
•8:45 Brimbank FC v FC Prahran 3 - 3										
•9:30 FC Carlton v FC Essendon 5 - 14										
•10:15 Albert Park FC v Hume FC 3 - 3										

Round 11 Clashes July 7										
•6:30 Albert Park FC v Mickleham FC										
•7:15 FC Carlton v Fitzroy FC										
•8:00 FC Essendon v FC Prahran										
•8:45 Nth Melbourne FC v Pascoe Vale FC										
•9:30 Ashburton FC v Metropolitan FC										
•10:15 Brimbank FC v Hume FC										

V-League Action Pics!



Theodore Markelis on holidays. The Valencia CF (Spain) & Australian (Joeys) sticker lends support to fellow junior team mate Dimi Vithoukas for Ashburton. 18 year old Markelis is one of the many Aussies aboard kicking goals for Oz. Futsal Oz, the TV crew, players and supporters wish Theo the very best in his pursuit to the top. Go get 'em, tiger!



Michael Dixon of Hume FC flies high in a three all draw thriller vs a determined and desperate Albert Park FC both teams are fighting to avoid the dreaded relegation zone.



Fitzroy FC v Ashburton FC retain a huge rivalry, with both clubs having their time in the sun. Ashburton looking at securing their first premierships title while a young guns Fitzroy are trying to make it two titles in eight seasons.

Fantastic signing for Fitzroy FC Mark Burton played his football for VS. Werder Bremen in Germany He also played for the New Zealand national football team, the All Whites and collected 28 caps (6 goals) in official FIFA internationals between 1996 and 2003.He twice played at the FIFA Confederations Cup and also twice at the OFC Nations Cup. At the 2002 OFC Nations Cup in Auckland, the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament Award was presented for the first time, with Burton being deemed the best player of the tournament.


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Match Details:

Bentleigh Greens: Damir SALCIN; George STAVRIDIS, Craig SMART, Sam DE VITO, Con ANTHOPOULOS, Alex ROJAS, Adam FADLJEVIC (Vasilios NATSIOULAS 67'), Jack WEBSTER, Johnny SAPAZOVSKI, Dean PIEMONTE, Damir LOKVANCIC (Brad SCOTT 71').

Yellow Cards: Lockvancic, Stavridis, Anthopoulos

Heidelberg United: Steve TILOVSKI; Paul MILLER, Hrvoje MATKOVIC (Yanni GALANOS 47'), George SLEFENDORFAS (Nicholas MARINOS 82'), Josip KOSIC, Antonio LA VERDE Denis ALILOVIC 67'), Luke BYLES, Craig ELVIN, Steve MARTIN, Osagie EDERARO, Saso ALEKSOVSKI.
Goal: Aleksovski 75'

Yellow Cards: Slefendorf, Aleksovski

Player of the Match: Saso Aleksovski (Heidelberg United)

Crowd: 450
Venue: Kingston Heath Soccer Complex

Bergers eye finals spot

By John Fotinos

Heidelberg United moved into fifth position on the VPL ladder on the back of its gritty 1-0 win against Bentleigh Greens at the Kingston Heath Soccer Complex on Friday night.

The game, which was a catch-up fixture (having been postponed in Round 8 due to a waterlogged pitch), saw Heidelberg successfully negotiate a busy week with successive away wins, having defeated Oakleigh Cannons last Monday night with the same score.

As a result, Heidelberg with 21 points from 16 games, has moved ahead of Dandenong Thunder on goal difference & a point clear of seventh placed Northcote City, which has a game in hand. Heidelberg have now taken 20 out of a possible 24 points from the last 8 matches, in the process moving well clear of the bottom places and in with a realistic chance of playing finals football this season.

In the first quarter of an hour of the match, Bentleigh was in the ascendancy. Craig Smart & Gerge Stavridis on the right, and Dean Piemonte on the left were stretching the Heidelberg defence, but Bentleigh were unable to carve out any real openings, despite forcing a few corner kicks.

Heidelberg, on the back foot for the most part until this point, had the first real strike on goal on 16 minutes, but LaVerde shot well over from a promising position. In the ensuing five minutes, Heidelberg might have snatched a goal from successive corner kicks, when Craig Elvin's header was cleared off the line, and then Steve Martin stabbed a shot wide following a penalty box scramble. The remainder of the first half saw neither side create any more chances, and the teams went into the main break with the score at 0-0.

Heidelberg brought on Yanni Galanos early in the second half to immediate effect, with his burst of speed allowing him to create problems for the Bentleigh defence. His penetrating run & carry of the ball on Heidelberg's left became a concern for the home side as the half wore on. Bentleigh,

for their part, had a couple of openings, but striker Damir Lokvancic shot tamely on the turn & then Rojas had his shot charged down following a run down the left by Piemonte.

By the middle stages of the second half, both coaches made substitutions in an attempt to break the deadlock & secure the three points.

As a result, the game began to open up, as either midfield began to probe for spaces in the opposition defences.

The defining moment of the match came in the 75th minute, after Heidelberg was awarded a free kick just outside the right edge of the penalty box for a foul by Con Anthopoulos on Heidelberg's striker George Slefendorf. Saso Aleksovski stepped up to take the free kick & hit a wonderful left foot curling shot over the defensive wall.

The ball dipped & swerved late, just beating the grasp of Bentleigh 'keeper Damir Salcin before crashing into the net just inside the far post, sparking jubilant scenes amongst the Heidelberg players & fans at the game.

With the 1-0 lead, Heidelberg were able to see out the rest of the game and take away the three points, albeit not without some minor dramas. Late on, Bentleigh almost snatched an equaliser through substitute Billy Natsioulas, whose header forced Heidelberg's Steven Tilovski to parry the ball wide for a corner.

Prior to this, Tilovski was again on hand to snuff out a Natsioulas shot on the turn following neat lead up play by Piemonte. With Bentleigh committing numbers forward, Heidelberg might also have nicked a second goal on the counter attack, but for the lack of some composure in the front third, but would have to be content to run out 1-0 victors on the night, and climb up to fifth on the ladder.

Next weekend's Round 17 sees Bentleigh Greens travel to Green Gully on Saturday, July 10 at 3pm, whereas Heidelberg United host South Melbourne on Sunday, July 11 at 5pm.

In the U/21's match, Bentleigh Greens 0 drew with Heidelberg United 0.



Heidelberg's Paul Miller intercepts George Stavridis' attempted clearing kick. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON



Osagie Ederaro (Heidelberg) battles to keep possession against Bentleigh's Adam Fadljevic (left) and Dean Piemonte. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON



Heidelberg's Yannis Galanos (left) and Bentleigh's Craig Smart battle it out. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

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Match Details:

South Melbourne FC
Peter Zois, Rhodri Payne, Steven O'Dor, Daniel Vasilevski (Marinos Gasparis), Joe Keenan, Carl Recchia, Gianni De Nittis (Sebastiaan Petrovic), Joseph Youssef, Hamid Basma (Jason Ricciuti), Kyle Joryeff, James Stefanou

Altona Magic
Andrew Sfetkopoulos, Doug Mladenovic (Dejan Radojicic), Kole Delev (Aleksander Koltovski), Koce Delev, Pece Siveski, Matthew Theodore, Pece Cergovski, James Duvcevski, John Thornley, Slave Bozinovski, Goran Talevski (George Papadopoulos)

South Melbourne 3 (Steven O'Dor x 2, Kyle Joryeff)
Altona Magic 1 (James Stefanou o.g)
Crowd: 1500
Man of the match: Steven O'Dor.

South revives its season

By John Kyrou

South Melbourne FC has propelled itself back into finals contention following a hard fought win against Altona Magic on Sunday at John Cain Memorial Park.

South started the brighter of the two sides with the home side peppering the Altona goal from the outset. Despite the early dominance South could not muster up anything more than a half chance, with Kyle Joryeff, Joseph Youssef and Gianni De Nittis spooning speculative headered efforts into the prying arms of former South goalkeeper Andrew Sfetkopoulos.

It was not until the 35th minute when South had the best chance of the game so far, with Joryeff playing a deep ball to the back post to the open Daniel Vasilevski. With the keeper to beat, Vasilevski hit the volley on target, where Sfetkopoulos was once again able to simply capture the ball with ease.

However it was Altona who would go ahead only moments later. On this occasion, a darting run from the left-hand side by Matthew Theodore culminated in the youngster slamming a ball at goal. Luckily for Altona player, the ball deflected off the leg of South Melbourne defender James Stefanou and into the back of the net.

South responded just before the break, when a corner was cleared into the path of Joe Keenan, who was waiting just outside the area. Immediately Keenan hit the shot onto the target, where Steven O'Dor was smartly able to turn the shot away from the keeper and into the back of the net to level

the scores at half time.

The goal seemingly spurred South on in the early stages of the second half, with the home side bombarding the Altona goal directly from kick-off.

In the 50th minute a brilliant ball by Daniel Vasilevski found the head of Steven O'Dor inside the area, with the defender able to put the ball past the hapless Sfetkopoulos in goal to give South the advantage.

South should have been two goals up moments later when former Heidelberg player Hamid Basma was released into acres of space. With the keeper only to beat, Basma hesitated and hit the ball directly into Sfetkopoulos.

Sfetkopoulos made yet another wonderful save once again in the 61st minue following a wonderful run by debutant Jason Ricciuti ended in the youngster having two of his efforts thwarted by the custodian.

The game however was sealed in the 83rd minute after a free kick was taking quickly to release Joryeff into acres of space inside the area. The Englishman then calmly slammed the ball into the back of the net to send the South faithful into delirium.

South now sit only a couple of points outside the top 5 and will play Heidelberg United next Sunday in what promises to be one of the biggest derbies in recent times. Altona remain rooted to the foot of the table and will have to travel to George Andrews Reserve to face the in form Dandenong Thunder next week.

In the Under 21's the final score was South Melbourne 3 Altona Magic 0.

Stand-in captain Stevie O'Dor celebrates his goal that put South ahead 2-1. PHOTO:JOHN PUNSHON

Slave Bozinovski gets up over Hamid Basma to head the ball off the line. Doug Mladenovic is there to back up if needed. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

South keeper Peter Zois is off his line quickly to deny Magic's John Thornley a shot at goal. PHOTO:JOHN PUNSHON



VPL Standings Round 16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond Eagles	16	9	2	5	24	20	29
Oakleigh Cannons	16	8	3	5	24	19	27
Hume City	16	8	4	4	28	23	25
Green Gully Cavaliers	16	7	2	7	22	18	23
Heidelberg Utd	16	6	6	4	26	25	21
Dandenong Thunder	16	7	3	6	18	22	21
Northcote City	15	6	2	7	28	23	20
South Melbourne	16	7	4	5	29	22	19
Bentleigh Greens	15	5	3	7	17	25	18
Melbourne Knights	16	5	4	7	21	23	16
Sunshine George Cross	16	4	3	9	16	29	15
Altona Magic	16	3	4	9	29	33	13

VPL Round 17

N.T.C v Heidelberg Utd Olympic Village Wed 7 Jul KO 8:30PM	Hume City v Richmond Eagles Broadmeadows Valley Park Sun 11 Jul KO 3:00PM
Northcote City v Sunshine George Cross John Cain Memorial Park Sat 10 Jul KO 3:00PM	Melbourne Knights v Oakleigh Cannons Knights Stadium Sun 11 Jul KO 3:00PM
Green Gully Cavaliers v Bentleigh Greens Green Gully Reserve Sat 10 Jul KO 3:00PM	Heidelberg Utd v South Melbourne Olympic Village Sun 11 Jul KO 5:00PM
Dandenong Thunder v Altona Magic George Andrews Reserve Sat 10 Jul KO 7:00PM	

WPL Fixtures

Box Hill Inter v Bendigo Vipers Wembley Park Sat 10 Jul KO 3:00PM	Ashburton v Altona City Ashburton Park Sun 11 Jul KO 3:00PM
Preston Lions v Sandringham BT Connor Reserve Sun 11 Jul KO 1:00PM	Heidelberg Utd v South Melbourne Olympic Park (Village) Mon 12 Jul KO 8:30PM
	Bye v Casey Comets

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